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Budget seen as step in Western strategy

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had agreed a "common strategy", "to aim for a Community growth rate of 4½ per cent by the middle of 1979 and to define the margin of manoeuvre that would be open to member states as a result of coordinating their actions".

It covered "economic and monetary affairs, employment, energy, trade and relations with the developing world".

It was the council's view, Mr Callaghan said, that overall agreement "would be an important contribution to world economic recovery, higher economic growth and the creation of new jobs". The council had also emphasized the need to prevent inflation.

A separate seven-nation announcement of the July summit phrased it slightly differently, linking the need for rapid growth with "further progress in reducing inflation". But the Callaghan message was there. "These issues must be tackled by individual countries in a mutually supportive manner", the announcement said.

Before July, the inter-EEC summit had decided to proceed with specifics such as "work-sharing measures" and agreement to set up Europe-wide three-part committees, made up of governments, unions and employers, to examine industries in distress.

In the Commons Mr Callaghan said all that "has now to be made effective by policy measures".

How effective, Mr Healey will be trying to make clear. He is expected to speak, it is said authoritatively, for somewhat less than 75 minutes, and will get to the meat of his proposals fairly quickly.

The Treasury points out that a lot of the "boring stuff" about economic forecasting has been issued in other forms since a change in practice with last year's Budget.

The idea that Mr Healey is going to trim his style for broadcasting is being strongly resisted at the Treasury. Those familiar with some of what he proposes to say have seen nothing to suggest that he will try "talking down" to the nation, rather than addressing Parliament in the normal way.

President to attend: President Carter has accepted a West German invitation to join other Western leaders at the economic summit in Bonn on July 16 and 17, the White House announced today (David Cross writes from Washington).

The meeting would enable the participants to review the world economy and to give impetus to national and international approaches that can help to make it healthier, the statement added.

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Post charges up in Portugal

Lisbon, April 10.—Portuguese postal and telecommunications charges went up by an average of about 30 per cent. Telex charges to Europe will be 37 per cent higher, international telephone calls 20 per cent more and telegrams up by 45 per cent.

Transkei breaks with S Africa in land dispute

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, April 10

Transkei, the "homeland" of three million Xhosa-speaking Africans which became independent from South Africa 18 months ago, today severed diplomatic ties with its white neighbour.

South Africa was the only country to have formal relations with Transkei, which has been rejected by the international community as a product of the apartheid system.

The Transkeian and South African Ambassadors will be withdrawn from their respective embassies by the end of this month. Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, is to make a statement on the rupture tomorrow.

Announcing the break in an emotional address to the Transkei National Assembly this afternoon, Paramount Chief Kaizer Matanzima, the Prime Minister, said Transkei would now join the "liberatory movements" struggling for black majority rule in South Africa.

He said the reason for the break was South Africa's recent action over East Griqualand, to which Transkei has historic claims. The disputed area, about 1,100 square miles, separates the main body of Transkei from a small isolated region close to the border with Natal.

Earlier this month the South African Government transferred the administration of East Griqualand from the Cape Province to Natal.

At the beginning of the year Chief Matanzima had declared that his country would break relations with South Africa and embark on an armed struggle if the land was incorporated into Natal.

Today he said South Africa's unilateral decision on East Griqualand was contemptuous and brutal. "To us it is a declaration of war against Transkei". However, because of South Africa's military strength, Transkei would bide its time before taking up arms.

Chief Matanzima appealed to Western countries to come to Transkei's aid. He said Britain in particular was obliged to help his country, which, he maintained, was a former British colony.

Observers believed there are two other reasons why Transkei should have decided to turn against its powerful neighbour, first, it is seen as a move to gain international recognition by being seen to join forces with blacks inside South Africa struggling against white domination.

Today's move is also seen as an attempt by Chief Matanzima to divert attention from his own internal problems, particularly the split within his party, the Transkei National Independence Party (TNIP).

Since the beginning of the present parliamentary session last month, 16 members have defected from the TNIP to the Opposition. All but one come from the powerful Eastern Pondoland block, led by Paramount Chief Botha Sigcau, the President of Transkei.

The defections started after Chief Sigcau's daughter, Miss Stella Sigcau, was forced to resign as Interior Minister after she became pregnant. The Pondo defectors were also angered by what they regarded as Chief Matanzima's increasingly high-handed attitude towards them.

Chief Matanzima clearly hopes that the severing of relations with South Africa will win him new popularity and prevent further defections.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: Transkei's action is apparently the first step in a plan to achieve international recognition, including eventual membership of the Commonwealth.

Mr Humphry Berkeley, the former Conservative MP, who is Chief Matanzima's political adviser, said he had urged him to make the break as the only way for Transkei to secure recognition as a viable African state. He predicted Transkei would shortly apply for membership of the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and the Commonwealth.

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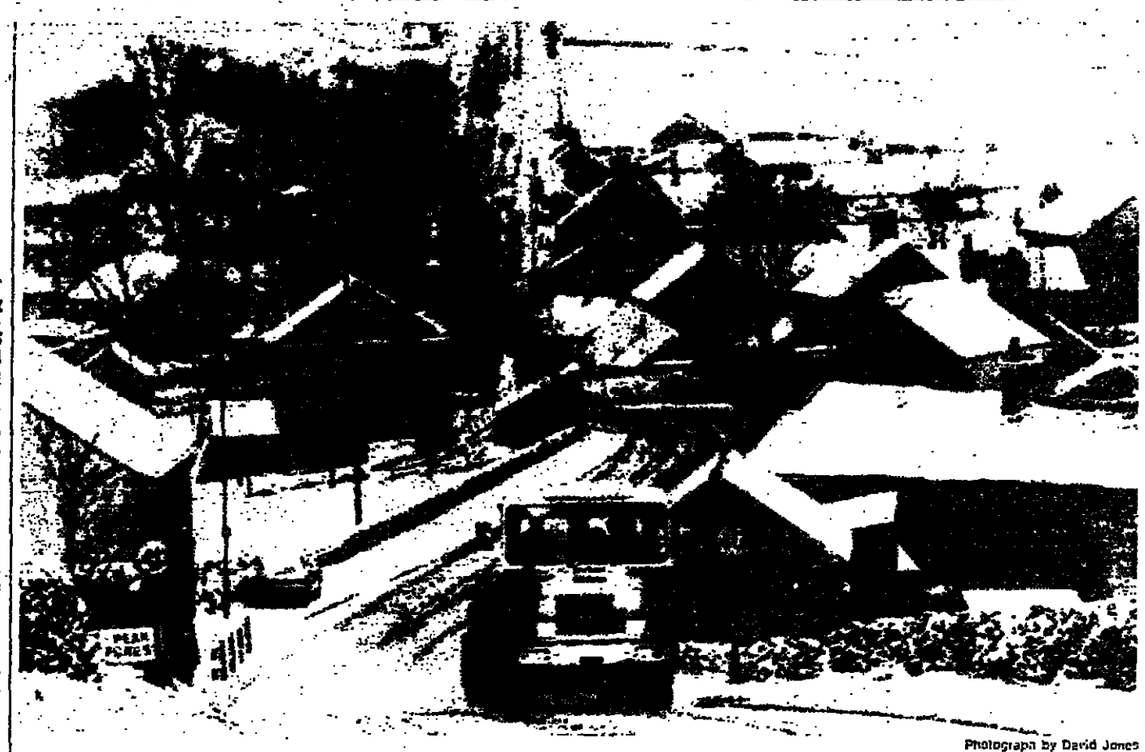

Photograph by David Jones

Winter returns: A sudden onset of cold weather from the Arctic brought snow and black ice to many parts of Britain yesterday. Scenes like that in the photograph, taken in the Peak Forest district of Derbyshire, were common in the Midlands and North.
Blizzards affected northern Scotland, where the A9 eight miles south of Wick was blocked by drifts. Snowploughs cleared three roads in Aberdeenshire. The Inverness to Aberdeen road at Huntly was temporarily blocked.
In Lancashire the A57 was blocked at Snake Pass and the RAC said that driving on the A628 was hazardous. The M62 to the Yorkshire border was closed after an accident. Speed restrictions were imposed on all other motorways in the county. In Cheshire the police said there were scores of accidents when vehicles ran off the M6 south of Sandbach in Arctic conditions, but no serious injuries were reported.
Warning lights were in operation there and on other sections of the M6. The A1 north of Alnwick, Northumberland, was blocked by lorries that could not negotiate slippery hills.
In southern England black ice caused many motorists to skid off the M5 near Bristol. The police imposed a 30mph limit and workmen gritted the road. There were flurries of snow in the Home Counties and London, one during the evening rush hour.
Temperatures everywhere were well below the seasonal average. At Nottingham weather centre the temperature did not reach 2°C, making it the city's coldest April day on record. The weather centre at Bracknell, Berkshire, said: "These conditions sometimes occur in April and could be with us for a few days yet."

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Moves to avoid space arms race

From David Cross
Washington, April 10

The Soviet Union has agreed to open talks with the United States next month to discuss ways of preventing a new weapons race in space, Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, announced today.

Recent evidence that the Soviet Union was developing new so-called killer satellites capable of attacking other objects in space was disturbing, Mr Vance told a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

"We are prepared to protect ourselves against such a threat and to match the Soviets if necessary. But a far preferable course is to prevent an anti-satellite race from occurring", he said.

Mr Vance, who was speaking on the theme of arms control, also said that the Russians had agreed to continue negotiations on the restraint of conventional arms sales overseas. A first round of talks was held here last year, but it was not clear whether Moscow was interested in proceeding any further with the discussions.

Running through the other sets of arms negotiations still underway with the Soviet Union, like the strategic arms limitation talks and arms reduction negotiations in Europe, Mr Vance said the United States must maintain a military defence that was second to none. "We have the human and physical resources, the knowledge and the will to do so", he said.

At the same time, the security of no country would be enhanced if they all continued to spend their resources on ever more devastating weapons. "We all gain, we are all more secure, when practical, equitable agreements can be reached to limit the arms race."

Warships go to tanker on fire

Two British warships were last night going to the aid of the Liberian tanker Tarseus on fire in the Atlantic, the Defence Ministry announced in London.

A ministry spokesman said the aircraft carrier Ark Royal and the guided missile destroyer Devonshire were responding to the 38,912-ton tanker's emergency message seeking medical aid. According to reports, there were two injured seamen on board the tanker.

Owen-Vance mission to Salisbury likely

Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, are considering flying to Salisbury for talks on the Rhodesian settlement issue with Mr Smith and the black leaders on the new Executive Council. The Anglo-American mission would try to persuade the Rhodesian Prime Minister of the need to compromise with the Patriotic Front because of the danger of Cuban intervention if a civil war develops. The British and American objective is still to hold an all-party conference which would include the guerrilla leaders. However, this has been rejected by the Rhodesian Executive Council

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Liberal mocks Tory 'apartheid'

Lord Avebury, Liberal spokesman on race relations, has accused the Conservatives of flirting with apartheid. He said the suggested inquiry into internal controls on immigration, one of the proposals announced by Mr William Whitelaw last week, might lead to pass laws on the South African pattern

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Wider powers to borrow

The Commons last night approved orders increasing the borrowing powers of the National Enterprise Board from £700m to £1,000m and making an additional £150m available to British Leyland.

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Raw materials cost 2 pc more

Sterling's decline last month was largely responsible for a 2 per cent increase in industry's raw material costs. However, there was a continued slowing in wholesale inflation with factory gate prices up only ½ per cent. The figures suggest that Britain's inflation rate will continue to slow then level off at 7 per cent

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Call to oppose phase four

In one of his last actions as leader of the Transport and General Workers' Union, Mr Jack Jones, chief architect of the social contract, wrote to the General Council of the TUC urging union leaders to persuade the Government not to expect union cooperation in a fourth phase of income policy. Members of Mr Jones's union have tabled a motion urging the removal of restraints on pay bargaining for the Scottish TUC conference in Aberdeen next week

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Russian gets 15 years for treason

Leonid Lubman, aged 41, of Leningrad, has been sentenced to 15 years in a labour camp after being found guilty of passing information to a foreign intelligence service, a Moscow court official said

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Knott to leave Kent team

Alan Knott, the former England wicketkeeper, who is a member of the Kerry Packer group, will not play for Kent this summer. This was mutually agreed at a meeting yesterday. Knott may never play for Kent again

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Philippines curbs reimposed

President Marcos reimposed restrictions on political activities in the Philippines, 24 hours after hundreds of his opponents took to the streets in Manila to protest against the results of last week's election

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New arrest warrant for John Gaul

A fresh warrant for the arrest of Mr Alfred John Gaul, aged 66, a businessman, for the alleged murder of his wife was issued by two Brighton magistrates yesterday.

It was issued on the application of the Director of Public Prosecutions after more than a dozen witnesses, some of them from abroad, had made affidavits at a private hearing.

The witnesses, who included women, were not named. The move was the latest in an attempt to extradite Mr Gaul from Malta for trial in Britain.

Mrs Barbara Gaul, aged 34, a former model, was shot in the car park of the Black Lion Hotel at Patcham, near Brighton, on January 12, 1976. She died 11 weeks later.

The new warrant supersedes one issued by Brighton magistrates last July.

It will be forwarded with a file of evidence to the Maltese authorities to back Britain's extradition application. The Maltese have not responded to the request for Mr Gaul to be arrested. They demanded evidence before they would act.

As the court sat yesterday Mr Gaul stayed in his yacht, the Lotus Eater, moored in Valletta Harbour, Malta. With him was Miss Angela Pilch, aged 23, his child's former nursemaid.

The issuing of the new warrant, in the same terms as its predecessor, was announced by a court official outside the building after yesterday's proceedings. The official declined to say more or to give the number of witnesses who made affidavits.

Dinner goes on as staff walk out at Claridge's

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

Claridge's, one of the world's most celebrated hotels, was disrupted yesterday by what the management says is the first strike in its 163 years' existence. Chefs, chambermaids, and floor waiters belonging to the General and Municipal Workers' Union walked out in protest at the dismissal of Mr Richard Elvidge, a kitchen trainee, aged 19, who is also a shop steward.

The strikers, who mounted a picket, which they intend to maintain round the clock, are also demanding recognition for the union. They said that more than a hundred of the staff had left work at 1 pm.

The management of the hotel, which is in Brook Street, Mayfair, said that between fifty and sixty were involved and maintained that the dispute had had little effect on lunchtime service in the restaurant and the Causerie, where lighter meals are supplied. It provided banqueting facilities for about eight-hundred guests last night.

A dispute over recognition has been developing since Christmas. It culminated last week in Mr Elvidge's dismissal after 18 months' service. The union believes that he was victimized.

Mr Elvidge said yesterday that he was aware of three complaints against him: "One was that I had gone for a cup of tea on duty; another was that I had put too much salt in the ratatouille; and the third was that I had upset a colleague."

The hotel, which is part of the Savoy group, has accommodation for 200 guests and its rooms cost from £38.50 a night upwards. Last night it was relying mainly on head chefs, chefs de partie, and under-chefs for meals. The floor waiters, who joined the strike, serve meals to rooms and suites. Banners carried by pickers yesterday included one saying: "This is Upstairs, Downstairs."

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, which has been notified of the union's claim for recognition, was seeking yesterday to arrange conciliation in the dispute. Its efforts have been complicated by the illness of Mr Lund Hansen, the hotel's general manager.

Mr Jerry Tilston, a London region official of the union, said after visiting the pickets: "Action will go on until the management become responsible, like most other major London hotel groups, and grant recognition and reinstatement." He said wage rates, excluding the staff's share of service charges, were "at or just above" the minimum rate for the industry of £36 a week, but added: "The present dispute is not about money."

The management said Mr Elvidge had been dismissed because he failed "to carry out his duties in the proper manner", not because of the ratatouille incident. It was open to him to pursue a claim alleging unfair dismissal through an industrial tribunal if he wished.

The management said it had been approached with a claim for recognition of the union on the ground that a "high proportion of staff" had joined. Inquiries had shown, however, that "nothing like a majority" were members.

New scheme for storing power

Turbines far below ground, fed by water from a surface reservoir, are being studied by the Central Electricity Generating Board for producing and storing energy generated at off-peak times

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Paratroopers in Ulster: Members of the 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, who killed 14 civilians in Londonderry six years ago, are on duty again in Ulster 3

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Kidnapped Belgian baron was killed before ransom demands began

Antwerp, April 10.—Baron Charles Bracht, the kidnapped Belgian millionaire, whose body was found today, died of injuries received during his abduction on March 7, a post mortem examination showed today.

The kidnappers, none the less, tried for two weeks to squeeze ransom money out of his family. Then they broke off all contact.

The body of Baron Bracht who was 63, was found early today on a rubbish dump in a wooded swampy area near Antwerp.

The post mortem examination led to the conclusion that "the Baron died a violent death", Mr. Julian van Hoeylandt, the state prosecutor, told a press conference. Bloodstains were found near his abandoned car. "It seems obvious he was kidnapped for money", Mr van Hoeylandt said.

Last week a man speaking English with an accent telephoned an Antwerp newspaper and said that Baron Bracht had been shot dead.

With the help of local residents the police had searched for the body throughout the night after another telephone call to the Baron's son, Théo.

Mr van Hoeylandt refused to say whether Baron Bracht had been shot. "It is evident that during the whole period of his disappearance there has been no direct sign of life from the Baron", he said. This was an indication that he had died during or immediately after his capture.

Asked if he thought foreigners had been involved, Mr van Hoeylandt replied: "I would like to see the foreigner who could find his way in the area where the body was found."—UPI and Reuter.

Moro kidnap: The kidnappers of Signor Aldo Moro, the former Italian Prime Minister, tonight issued a new letter ascribed to him which appeals once again for negotiations to gain his release (Peter Nichols writes from Rome).

It is the third message so far published and the sixth in the series known to have been received since he was abducted. The letter was delivered to several newspaper offices in different parts of the country and was accompanied by a statement from the red brigades, the terrorist group holding him.

It says that the interrogation of the prisoner continues and that he has helped them "identify exactly the responsibilities of the various Christian Democrat bosses, their plottings, their international protectors, the balances of power which have been the base of 30 years of the Christian Democrat regime".

The letter also contains a personal attack on Senator Paolo Emilio Taviani, a former Minister of the Interior, who on Thursday denied an allegation made about him in an earlier letter signed by Signor Moro. In the Red Brigades' statement, Senator Taviani is described as a "state gangster" and is threatened with having to "pay the price" for what he has done.

Another letter, which was delivered to Signor Moro's family on Saturday suggests that their hostage, who was kidnapped on March 16, has suffered a physical and psychological breakdown.

HOME NEWS

Phase four at risk as TGWU tells of opposition to any further pay bargaining restraint

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Mr Jack Jones, chief architect of the social contract, has called on TUC leaders to oppose any Cabinet proposal for a phase four of wage restraint.

In what was almost certainly his swan song as leader of the Transport and General Workers' Union, he asked the TUC General Council to tell the Government, partly on political grounds, not to expect union collaboration in yet another round of income policy.

The TGWU's militant Scottish members have also tabled a resolution opposing restraint on wage bargaining for next week's Scottish TUC in Aberdeen. The signs are that that will be the first public rebuff to Mr Denis Healey's hope for wage moderation in the run-up to the general election.

Mr Jones made his appeal in a letter to Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC. He did not divulge it at his last press conference before handing over to Mr Mostyn (Moss) Evans less than two weeks ago. The letter reads: The general executive council of this union urges the (TUC) General Council to inform the Government without delay that any attempt to introduce another period of pay policy would be counter-productive and divisive.

It is felt that any dubiety about TUC policy should be totally removed by a firm declaration that any further phase of pay policy will be opposed by the trade unions.

My executive considers that a full understanding and acceptance of our view by the Government will assist in restoring the unity of the movement and improve the electoral prospects of the Labour Party whenever the general election takes place.

Such a warning by its sturdiest union ally must shake Cabinet confidence in the prospects for a pay deal with the TUC that would apply during the critical 1978-79 bargaining period.

Taken with the Scottish TGWU motion, it amounts to a veto from an influential section of the union movement. The Scottish transport workers next week will seek reaffirmation of the union's commitment to unfettered pay negotiations, rejecting any "denial of free collective bargaining implicit in the enforcement of any norm by the Government in the public or private sector".

The Fire Brigades Union also has put down a motion criticizing government "interference" in wage bargaining. It demands that employers and employees should be free to negotiate as they wish.

Against that background of mounting opposition to further pay curbs, Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said last night that: "I am convinced that the principle of co-operation between the Government and the unions should be supported in the form of further social contracts."

Some politicians thought it undemocratic for governments to reach understandings on economic and other matters with the unions. Conflict between employer and employee would always be there, "and under present policies advocated by some people this would be exacerbated".

That clear reference to Mrs Thatcher and her Shadow Cabinet marks out the battleground over wage restraint and traditional trade union values expected at the STUC congress next week. Moderate unions, such as the General and Municipal Workers, will try to prevent a union-inspired blow to the political credibility of the Callaghan government, but the propaganda victory that just eluded the left last year in Rothesay now looks only too likely.

Pay policy prospects, page 21

A public appeal is being launched to buy Bardsey Island (above), a bird sanctuary and former place of pilgrimage, which lies off the Lleyn peninsula, Gwynedd.

Forte gro rejects M-way c criticism

By Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

Sir Charles Forte's group replied yesterc newed criticism of its cafeterias and resta Mr Egon Ronay, the guide writer. Its punc ever, were not well and round two ended House Forte suffer self-inflicted wounds.

At the weekend Ronay Organization five of the group's ments as acceptable, and one as appalling

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120 arrests after club gambling machines inquiry

By Our Crime Reporter

More than 120 people have been arrested by officers from eleven police forces in the Midlands and North of England carrying out investigations into offences involving gambling machines used in clubs.

Two men were remanded on bail at Pontefract Magistrates' Court, West Yorkshire, yesterday, charged with conspiracy to steal.

Thirty-one other people were arrested by a team headed by Det Chief Inspector Ian Trigg, of the West Yorkshire police. Ten other forces were alerted and 90 arrests were made elsewhere, including Birmingham, Manchester, Durham, Staffordshire and Humberside.

Captain Phillips fined £15

Captain Mark Phillips was fined £15 at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, yesterday for speeding. He was not present but pleaded guilty through Mr Julian Malins, his counsel. His licence was ordered to be endorsed.

The summons alleged that he drove in Parliament Street and Whitehall on February 23 at speeds of 36 mph to 60 mph. It was his second endorsement for speeding. He was fined £30 in March last year.

Jury told of airline girls with golfers in Ireland

A jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday about women who accompanied an "intimate circle" of golfers on visits to Ireland. An account of the visits was told by Mr James Sharp, a prosecution witness.

He said the visits were organized by a small private club of golfers, and included Mr John Maudsley, former chief architect of Birmingham, who was convicted in 1974 of corruption.

Other members were directors of C. Bryant and Son, a big Midlands building company which is alleged to have financed other visits.

In the dock is Alan Christopher Bryant, chairman of the company, who denies two charges of conspiracy to corrupt.

The Crown has alleged that the company tried to corrupt members of local authorities in Birmingham and elsewhere by giving them Christmas gifts.

Mr Sharp, an architect, of King's Norton, Birmingham, was a member of the golfing circle, and he recalled the visits to Ireland, which began in 1967. In that year they had stayed at an hotel in Killarney.

They had been met at Shannon airport by two Mercedes cars. In reply to Mr Anthony Cripps, QC, for the prosecution, he said: "I paid for nothing. The only people who paid on this trip were C. Bryant and Son."

Mr Sharp continued: "We met two BEA girls who were working in London. They came with us in the cars to Killarney and they were there for three or four days."

Once, in Killarney, he had met a Miss Saul and a Miss O'Brien. The purpose of the visit was to play golf.

Mr Justice Melford Stevenson, asked: "Did Miss Saul and Miss O'Brien play golf?" Mr Sharp replied: "They were not golfers. Miss Saul was a lady friend of Mr Maudsley."

Mr Sharp said that this own name and that of Mr Maudsley had been erased from hotel bills in London and Manchester. The purpose was to hide the identities of the people

Mr Peter Taylor, QC, for the defence, said Mr Bryant, of Saintbury, near Broadway, Hereford and Worcester, did not deny that al lthat entertaining went on. Nor did he deny that the Christmas gifts had been sent out. He said: "Yes, he gave them, but there was no corrupt intent." Mr Bryant had not been aware of any excessive entertainment.

Det Chief Supt Peter Mincher, the officer in charge of the investigation, read out names including that of Mr J. Hazell, who was the housing manager for Rugby. He said Mr Hazell received a total of £85 in cash between 1966 and 1968, and later received drinks and more cash.

The trial continues today.

New code on deputies for doctors

By a Staff Reporter

A new code of practice for the 35 deputizing services in England and Wales that provide evening and weekend cover for general practitioners was announced yesterday by Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services.

All doctors employed as deputies in future must have general practitioner experience, adequare transport and a good knowledge of the area in which they are working. Agencies will be supervised by professional advisory committees made up of local hospital and family doctors.

The code, which has been agreed with the general medical services committee of the British Medical Association, states that deputizing doctors must visit a patient when requested to do so unless the patient's own GP instructs him otherwise.

All services must have enough doctors on call for the population and type of area.

Adequate records are to be kept of all action taken and proper procedures established for liaison with the patient's general practitioner.

The advisory committees, which will be subcommittees of the local medical committees, will monitor the services closely. They will report to the family practitioner committees.

High Court being held at club

Because of a shortage of courtrooms at the Law Courts the National Liberal Club in Whitehall Place is being used.

An eight-week commercial list hearing began yesterday before Mr Justice Goff in the Gladstone library at the club.

Commons anger over lost Spillers jobs

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent

There was indignation in the Commons yesterday at the Government role in accepting the decision of the Spillers milling and baking combine to end its baking operations and the jobs of nearly eight thousand workers.

Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, stoutly defended the Government's decision not to refer the matter to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. He confirmed that the company's plans were known to ministers before Easter.

The proposed reorganization was probably the least unattractive of all the unattractive courses of action available, he said. Spillers had argued that if the company's plans became known and were delayed as a result of wider and lengthier consultations with unions and others it might have caused the collapse of the whole Spillers organization, with unemployment losses perhaps three times as high as those envisaged.

Mr Silkin assured the House that the effects of the new arrangement, under which Associated British Foods and Ranks Hovis McDougall will be Britain's two remaining main bakeries, should not increase the price of bread. The bakeries did not expect to give notice of a price increase until the end of 1978.

Cut in overtime: Mr Samuel Maddox, general secretary of the Bakers' Food and Allied Workers' Union said yesterday that he is to propose a cut in overtime to try to save up to 4,000 Spillers jobs by limiting all workers in the industry to five 12-hour shifts a week (our Labour Reporter writes).

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Select committee told of metric yardstick

By Our Political Correspondent

Traders can continue to supply customers after February 4 next with textiles or floor coverings by the yard despite a regulation, due to come into force next February, which makes it illegal to deal in non-metric measures.

A witness from the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection, questioned by an MP at a meeting of the Joint Select Committee on Statutory Instruments yesterday explained that all the trader had to do was to mark the yardstick in metric units (0.9144 metre).

Mr G. Preston, an under-secretary in the solicitor's department at the ministry, said: "If he uses a yardstick and calls it whatever fraction of metre it is, he is all right."

When asked whether the customer was losing the right to ask for lengths of material or carpets in yards, he said: "I do not think we are placing any restriction on the customer." The trader had somehow got to satisfy the customer's request in metric units.

Members of the committee thought that could be accomplished by having conversion tables prominently displayed.

Mr Preston told the committee that the maximum penalty for not dealing in metric units was £50 and that there was no prison sentence.

Tory student vote for liberty

From Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent
Loughborough

Conservative students decided yesterday to reaffirm their libertarian policy for legalization of cannabis, abortion on demand, homosexual rights, and removal of restrictions on adult pornography.

The Federation of Conservative Students, at its annual conference at Loughborough, defeated a proposal to repeal the "freedom motion" adopted last year.

Mr Stephen Jarvis, proposer of last year's freedom motion and a member of the National Association for Freedom, won much support when he argued that Conservative students must decide between a libertarian society, with the individual free to decide for himself what his morals should be, and a paternalistic society, with moral standards laid down by the state.

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, MP, parliamentary spokesman on education, addressing the conference after the debate, expressed dismay that the discussion had taken place against no philosophical background

Too much of the debate on issues such as abortion and drugs had looked at only one side of the argument, that of the individual's rights, he said. He emphasized the danger of a collapse into a society that was totally without values, that rejected all objective moral standards. There could be no liberty without self-restraint.

Escape at funeral

Alvin Mitchell, aged, 25, who was on remand at Brixton prison awaiting trial on a charge of theft, ran away from his escort at Grove Park cemetery, south-east London, yesterday, while attending his mother's funeral.

Settlement on children fought by Lord Lilford

Lord Lilford challenged in the Court of Appeal yesterday an order that he should settle an additional £25,000 on each of the two daughters of his fourth marriage, for whom he has already set up a £44,000 trust fund.

He also contested a provision that on the death of either daughter the money should go to her children, or if she has none, to the surviving daughter and her children. The girls are aged 16 and 14.

Mr Joseph Jackson, QC, for Lord Lilford described the provision as novel and unjustifiable. The orders were made by Mr Justice Payne last December.

Lord Lilford, aged 47, formerly of Heskin Hall, Lancashire, inherited the title as seventh baron from a distant relative at the age of 18. He lives in South Africa.

His appeal is being opposed by Mrs Muriel Norma Glynn, mother of the two girls, who lives with her third husband at Powys House, Corwen, Clwyd. Lord Lilford and Mrs Glynn married in 1961 and were divorced in 1969.

Mr Jackson said Lord Lilford had set up a trust fund for the two girls' school fees and did not appeal against an order that he should pay £1,812 each for their maintenance while they were not at school.

Mrs Glynn had no assets when she married him, and Lord Lilford, who had said he was worth about £3m, said he had given her about £200,000 and a house. He had also given her some shares, which she had given to her present husband. They had been sold for £60,000.

He had transferred Heskin Hall to Mrs Glynn as part of the divorce settlement.

When he returned to live in South Africa he left in the United Kingdom about £619,000 from which to make any sensible provision for the two girls, Mr Jackson said, but Mrs Glynn was trying to get a precise analysis of his wealth. She was claiming that her daughters had lost inheritance rights.

Mr Eric Somerset Jones, QC, for Mrs Glynn, said that Lord Lilford had not said he intended to make any provision other than the trust fund for his eldest daughters. Because of the divorce, they needed the protection of the courts.

The hearing continues today.

Stiffer sentence not beneficial, JPs s

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

"Tougher" prison sentences, called for in recent years by "certain sections of the community", would not have any beneficial effect, the Magistrates' Association considers.

In Evidence to a subcommittee of the House of Commons Expenditure Committee, the association supported the idea that people were sent to prison as a punishment rather than for punishment.

The Opposition has begun a campaign for a tougher law-and-order programme. One idea is that some detention centres should be converted for "glass house" treatment of young offenders.

But the magistrates told the education, arts and Home Office subcommittee yesterday that there had been no appreciable change in reconviction rates for detention centres, although the concept of the "short sharp shock" had been to a large extent abandoned and a more constr adopted. That publication of the detention centres Advisory Council on th tem in 1970.

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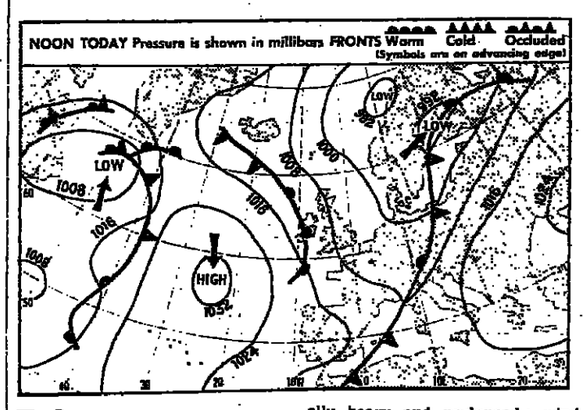

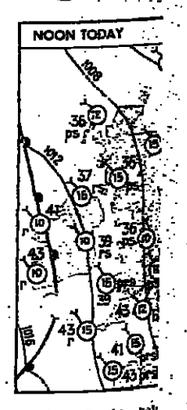

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Moon rises: 8.29 am Moon sets: 11.58 pm
First quarter: April 15
Lighting up: 8.20 pm to 5.42 am.
High Water: London Bridge, 4.56 am, 7.3m (24.0ft); 5.16 pm, 7.2m (23.6ft); Avonmouth, 10.30 am, 13.0m (42.6ft); 10.33 pm, 12.7m (41.7ft); Dover, 1.36 am, 6.6m (21.6ft); 2.12 pm, 6.4m (21.1ft); Hull, 9.13 am, 7.0m (22.9ft); 9.26 pm, 6.9m (22.6ft); Liverpool, 2.11 am, 9.0m (29.5ft); 2.27 pm, 8.9m (29.2ft).

A very cold N to NW airstream covers the British Isles with a trough of low pressure near W districts.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE England: Sunny intervals, snow showers, occasionally heavy; wind NW, moderate to fresh; max temp 5°C (41°F).

East Anglia, E Midlands, E, Central N, NE England: Sunny intervals, snow showers, occasionally heavy and prolonged; wind N, moderate to fresh; max temp 2° to 5°C (35° to 41°F).

Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Islands: Sunny spells, snow showers; wind N, moderate to fresh; max temp 3° to 5°C (37° to 41°F).

SW England: Sunny intervals, more cloudy generally in W later, snow showers; wind NW, fresh; max temp 3°C (37°F).

Wales, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, more cloudy generally in W later, snow showers, occasionally heavy; wind NW, fresh; max temp 2° to 4°C (37° to 39°F).

NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, W Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Sunny spells, scattered snow showers; wind NW, moderate to fresh; max temp 3°C (37°F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, snow showers; max temp 0° to 2°C (32° to 36°F).

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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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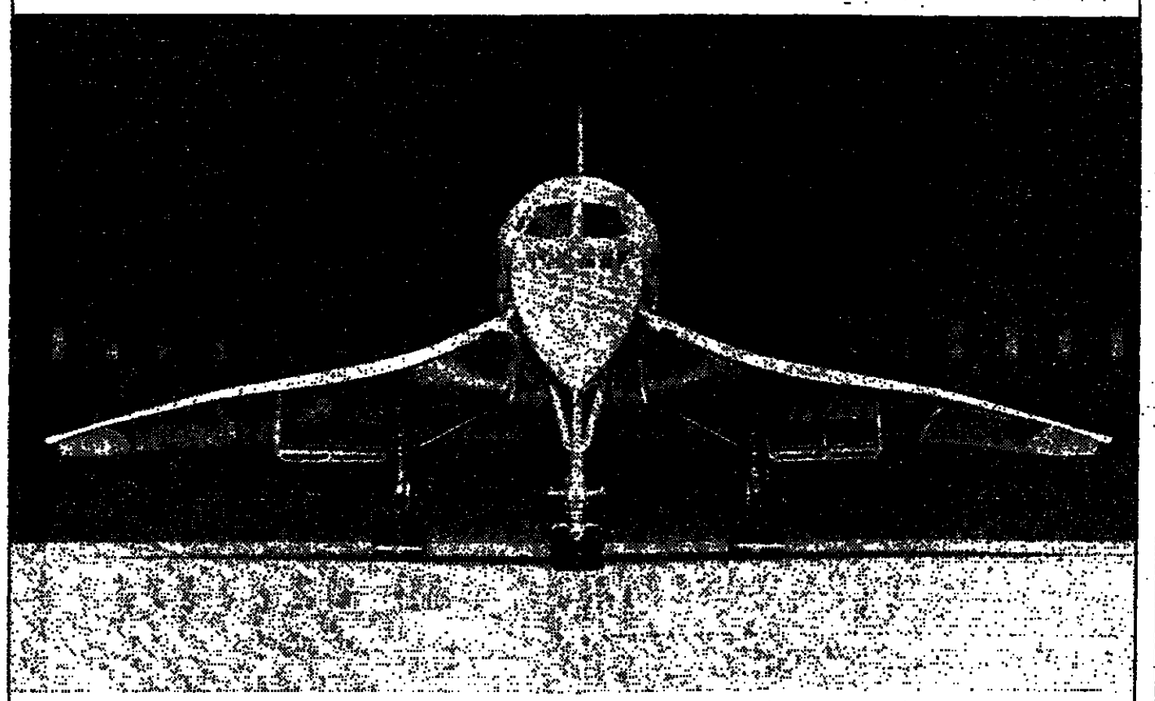

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IRA revenge against paratroopers feared

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The Parachute Regiment, are back on duty in Northern Ireland after six years.

The distinctive red berets of the unit responsible for killing 14 Londonderry civilians in 1972, known as "Bloody Sunday", returned to the notorious border countryside of south Armagh on Saturday to begin a four-month tour.

Although the decision to redeploy them in Ulster aroused criticism from leading Roman Catholic politicians, their presence has so far passed without incident. The 600 paratroopers are, however, thought to have been advised that local units of the Provisional IRA may undertake a campaign of retaliation.

One of the Army's fears, based on intelligence reports, is that the Provisionals may attempt to murder 14 members of the battalion during its stay as symbolic revenge for the events of "Bloody Sunday".

Publicity about the return of the battalion, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Geoffrey Brierley, has been kept to a minimum. Officials describe the redeployment of the highly trained paratroopers as a routine operational matter, but it has been interpreted by many local political observers as further evidence of the determination of Mr Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, to maintain a consistently firm approach to the IRA.

In recent years the unit has served in Cyprus and West Berlin, and it is admitted that the decision to keep it out of Northern Ireland after the Londonderry shootings mean that it lacks experience of present conditions in the province.

The return of the paratroopers has aroused fierce argument between Roman Catholic and Protestant politicians. Mr Seamus Mallon, a prominent member of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, described it as "cynical and dangerous lunacy" which was likely to result in more violence.

The last British soldier killed by the Provisional IRA in south Armagh was a young rifleman who died early last month in a booby-trap explosion as he attempted to remove a tricolour from a roadside pole.

Rail trip ban on Liverpool supporters

By Arthur Osman

There will be no more excursion triph to the Continent for supporters of Liverpool Football Club, Mr John Smith, chairman o fthe club said yesterday. The decision comes after disturbance last month by a small number of supporters returning from one of the club's European Cup games in West Germany.

Other meahures being considered include a proposal to put supporters who misbehave on a blacklist to prevent them from getting tickets for matches in which the club is engaged in European competitions. Identity cards could be required for supporters on foreign trips.

Mr Smith, speaking at the Anfield ground, said copies of a report by the club into the disturbances had been sent to the Football Association and Mr Denis Howell, Mister of State at the Department of the Environment.

Travel agents will be asked to cooperate with the cub by reporting the names of troublesome supporters; coach operators who arrange travel to matches in Europe without first obtaining tickets from the club will be blacklished.

"We are determined to do everything possible to uphold the good name of the club", Mr Smith said. Supporters who cause trouble, even if they do not appear in court, will go on the blacklist and will not be issued with tickets."

In 14 years of European competition trouble had only arisen when travel had been overlond by train to Rome and Düsseldorf.

A duty-free shop on board a Sealink cross-Channel ferry was ransacked and drink, cigarettes and jewelry valued at £2,00 were stolen during the disturbances when supporters were returning from a game against Borussia Mönchen Gladbach which Liverpool lost 2—1.

Mr Smith said the opening of the bars and shop on the vessel had been a factor in the trouble and he criticized the port authority at Ostend and officials of the ferry for "failing to stick to travel arrangements".

Tory immigrant plans criticized by Liberal

By a Staff Reporter

The Conservatives are manoeuvring for votes by flirting with apartheid, Lord Averbury, Liberal spokesman on race relations an dimmigration, said yesterday.

Speaking in support of the Liberal candidate in Lambeth, Central, by-election, he said the Conservative proposal for an inquiry into a system of internal controls on immigration ight lead to identity cards and pass laws, as in South Africa, and checks on everyone who was coloured.

Already, he said, a mospital in Leicester had demanded to see the passports of coloured expectant mothers to establish whether they were eligible for National Health Service treatment.

Lord Avebury said the Conservative policy on immigration, outlined by Mr William Whitelaw last Friday, represented "a deliberate attempt to appease the racist vote". He said it would push the centre of gravity of the debate further to the right.

"The Tories do not have a policy on race relations. They have only a policy on immigration, and a pretty unpleasant one it is, too." He was concerned that if Conservative proposals on restricting the entry of husbands and fiances were put into effect Britain might be in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Lord Avebury reaffirmed the Liberals' commitment to admit to Britain all bolders of United Kingdom passports. He also disclosed a new Liberal programme for racial equality which calls for at least £50m to be spent on providing educational and training courses for ethnic minorities who are at a disadvantage.

The programme provides for money channelled through the Home Office to be made available to public bodies, local authorities ,employers and the Training Services Agency for courses designed to enable members of minority groups to take up occupations in which they are under-represented. It also proposes an extension of the self-help programme administered by the Commission for Racial Equality.

Lord Avebury said that Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, had told him that he was not prepared to approve such a programme because it would involve positive discrimination in favour of coloured people and was therefore unacceptable in terms of the Race Relations Act. The Liberals, however, did not feel that the programme constituted positive discrimination.

Mr David Blunt, Liberal candidate for Lambeth, Central, said the Liberal programme for racial equality was of special relevance to the constituency, where black youngsters represented 47.9 per cent of the total registered unemployed.

The Liberals hope to win a large proportion of the coloured voters in Lambeth. A West Indian organization in the constituency has committed itself to supporting Mr Blunt.

The hospital referred by Lord Avebury is the Leicester General Infirmary, which asked coloured women to produce their passports not only to establish their eligibility for treatment under the NHS but to obtain essential details of name and date of birth in the face of language difficulties. It gave up the practice two years ago. It has since developed English language classes and uses interpreters to obtain information from immigrants.

Arson attack on Marxist group newspaper

Detectives are investigating an arson attack on the offices of the *Socialist Challenge*, the newspaper of the International Marxists Group, in north London late on Sunday night.

An hour after the attack a man claiming to represent the "Eleventh Hour Brigade" telephoned to the *Daily Express* and *The Daily Telegraph* to claim responsibility. The same organization last week claimed responsibility for parcel bomb attacks on the headquarters of the Communist Party and offices used by the National Union of Public Employees.

The attack on Sunday was not given much publicity because it was not clear until yesterday that an arson attack had taken place. The fire was started in the basement, where books and newspapers are kept, after an intruder had broken into a courtyard.

The International Marxists Group, led by Mr Tariq Ali, said they understood that the police thought the arsonist had thrown a brick wrapped in an impregnated substance into the building.

Confrontation fear over Front

The National Front yesterday announced plans to hold a big public meeting in Lambeth, Central, where a by-election caused by the death of Mr Marcus Lipton, takes place on April 20. A quarter of the people in the constituency are black.

Mr John Tyndall, the Front Chairman, and Mr Martin Webster, its national organizer, will speak at the meeting on Saturday afternoon, which may provoke a counter-demonstration by left-wingers.

Eleven candidates are contesting the seat, a record for a British by-election. Nominations closed yesterday. Mr Lipton held the seat for Labour in October, 1974, with a majority of 8,677.

A Front representative said last night: "No doubt there will be a counter-demonstration, but we are not really bothered about that. We are not saying where the meeting is being held at the moment because we have not yet received final consent for the use of the premises."

The Front is still prevented from marching in London by the two-month Metropolitan Police ban on political marches.

Mr John Tilley, the Labour candidate, said yesterday: "The Front very much wants a confrontation. It wants a punch-up. But I'm certain the local community will not be provoked."

The Front recently said it would make the by-election in the constituency a "hot potato".

Last Saturday 300 policemen prevented a confrontation in Brixton High Street when 30 Front supporters faced more than a hundred left-wing demonstrators.

The Conservatives need a swing of 16.55 per cent to win the seat. Unemployment, housing and rates are likely to be the main election issues.

Labour plans to bring Cabinet ministers to help in retaining the seat.

Candidates: Mr John Tilley (Lab), Mr Jeremy Hanley (C), Mr David Blunt (L), Mr Corin Redgrave (Workers' Revol Party), Mrs Helena Stevens (Nat Front), Mr Tony Bogues (Soc Workers' Party), Mr John Chase (Brixton Soc Unity), Mr Barry McNeeney (Soc Party of Gt Britain), Mr Stuart Munro (S London People's Front), Mr William Boaks (Democratic Monarchist) and Mr Alan Whereat (Ind).

General election: M. Lipton (Lab), 15,381; N. Lyell (C) 6,704; P. Easton (L) 3,211; S. Smart (WRP) 233; P. Bratton (Marx-Len) 88.

Garscadden by-election: A group of seven Scottish Conservative MPs joined party canvassers in a door-to-door campaign in Garscadden, Glasgow, yesterday, where Scotland's first by-election since 1973 will be held on Thursday. They were led by the shadow Scottish Secretary, Mr Edward Taylor, and his two frontbench spokesman, Mr George Younger and Mr James Douglas Hamilton, in a concerted effort to bring victory to the Conservatives in the Labour stronghold. Leaders in the campaign are Mr Donald Dewar (Lab) and Mr Keith Bovey (Scot Nat Party).

Candidates: Mr Donald Dewar (Lab); Mr Keith Bovey (SNP); Mr Ian Lawson (C); Mrs Shiona Farrell (Scot Lab); Mr Peter Porteous (Soc Workers); Mr Samuel Barr (Comm).

General election: W. W. Small (Lab) 19,737; K. Bovey (SNP) 12,111; J. Corbett (C) 5,004; M. R. Kibby (L) 1,915. Lab maj 7,626.

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He discounted views that the report had been issued with the Garscadden by-election in mind. "We had planned it for a fortnight ago but there are people in Garscadden who want us to take a rough line on crime", he said.

Mr Charles Macarthur, QC, chairman of the committee, said evidence had been taken from several sources but the British Medical Association, the Scottish TUC and the Scottish Football Association had refused to give their views.

It was not part of the committee's remit to work out what system might be applied if capital punishment was restored. There were methods other than hanging.

The committee says it is satisfied that there is widespread under-age drinking in public houses and from drink supplied from off-licence premises and that that was a main contributory factor in serious crimes. Something had to be done.

The committee recommends that persons up to the age of 21 should produce a card with a photograph, which the licence holder would be obliged to inspect.

Commenting on the "mindless killings by what appeared to be mindless people" the committee says it is clear that the public is not being protected and homicide in the present system is not being prevented.

"We accept that the former system of capital punishment, namely hanging, had a number of trappings of a sordid character. We have also considered selective capital punishment, but capital punishment, if reintroduced, should be across the board."

Realizing that murder was increasing and that countless citizens, particularly the elderly, are terrified to go out at night, the committee says the time has come to end a failed experiment. To give the people's voice a chance to be heard it recommends, as a matter of top priority, legislation in terms of its ultimate recommendation that if capital punishment is not restored strong alternatives must be instituted.

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It includes the demand for a national curriculum for schools "containing sexual, political, legal, trade union and wider general knowledge education. This should cover such topics as abortion, contraception, homosexuality, housing, civil liberties, social security and basic law".

The Labour Party is concerned that its youth organization the Young Socialists, has been recruiting pupils to the NUSS, a body that it regards as urging pupils to disrupt school life.

Mr Stephen Walsh, aged 19, the president of the union, said yesterday that it did not advocate the disruption of schools. He said it had not organized demonstrations by pupils at the time of the recent action by teachers over their pay dispute.

"Far from trying to disrupt schools", Mr Walsh said, "we are trying to win teachers over to our cause."

Universities to get £619m recurrent grant

By a Staff Reporter

The universities recurrent grant for 1978-79 will be £619m with an additional £41.6m for furniture and equipment, Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said yesterday.

Ina Commons written reply she said that the grant, which includes local authority rates payable by universities, would be a cash limit calculated on the assumption that pay for university staff was expected to rise by between 6 and 10 per cent and prices by 6 to 7 per cent.

She added, however, that if the pace of pay and price increases generally, or those which affected universities in particular, were to be substantially higher than those implied in the cash limits "the Government would be prepared to review the position".

Mrs Williams also gave details outlining provisional indications for the level of grant for the following three years

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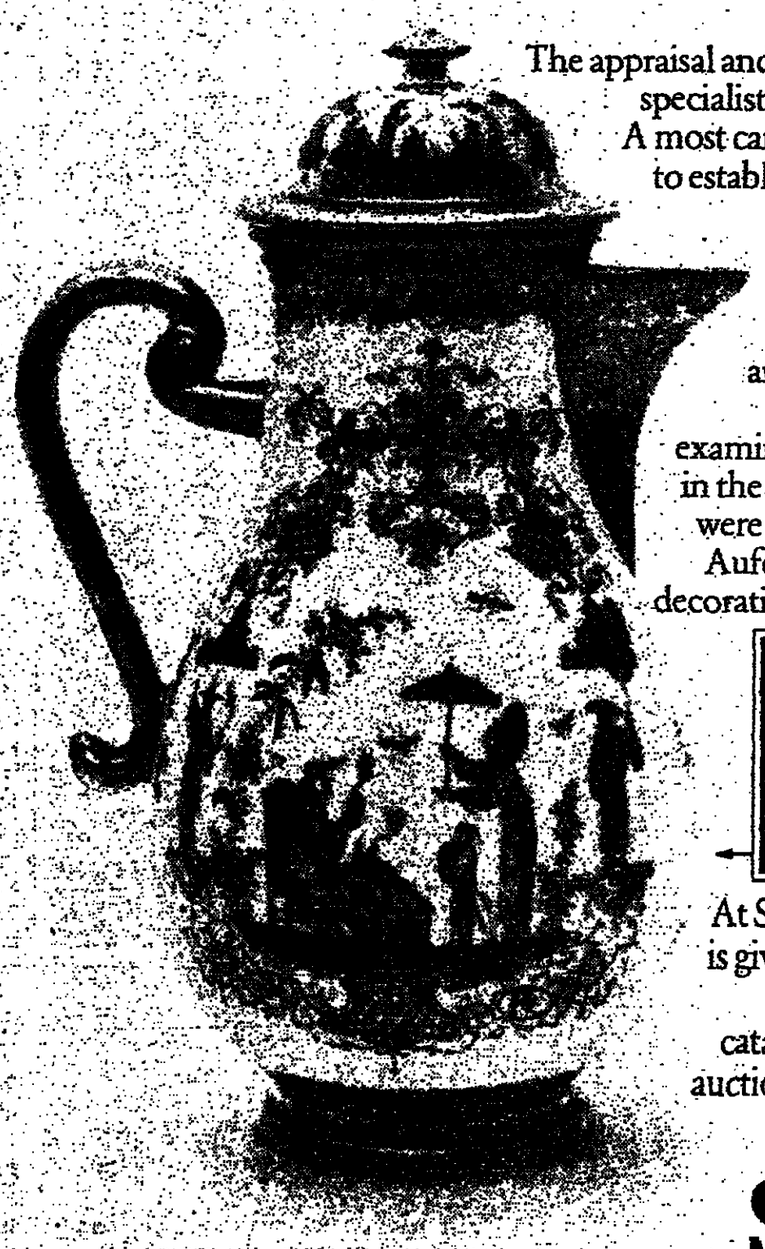

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HOME NEWS

Police chief defends line on Front marches and pornography

From John Chartres
Manchester

Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, defended himself yesterday against criticisms of his handling of such events as the recent National Front demonstrations in his district.

In his annual report to the police committee, he said he had withstood "the most scathing criticism". He added: "It is completely unjust that when a chief constable, acting with due discretion and independence under the law and free from political pressure and control, takes a proper and lawful course in line with his duty and responsibility to the whole community to uphold the law and keep the peace, he should be wrongfully accused of bias, prejudice and political motivation."

The police would not be drawn in to political controversy nor "turned from their duty by threats or animosity".

At Hyde in October last year when the first of several National Front demonstrations took place in the Greater Manchester area, Mr Anderton deployed more than six thousand officers from his own and other forces. He said the operation cost about £140,000.

Mr Anderton, who has also been criticized for his strong line on pornography, said successive raids in Manchester had led to "public approval of this police action".

The report records an increase of a tenth in the number of juveniles who got into trouble with the police but says that for every juvenile in Greater Manchester involved in crime about 32 did not get into trouble.

"Lack of effective discipline, increased temptation, a growing uncertainty over the moral climate of society, restricted job opportunity, the poorest example by too many adults, and an altogether alarming failure to give some youngsters a decent chance has contributed enormously to the current scene", the report says.

Recorded crimes last year, it discloses, increased to 153,318 compared with 138,499 for 1976. The detection rate was 47 per cent.

British team to seek K2 summit the hard way

By a Staff Reporter

K2, the world's second-highest mountain, is to be attempted in June by a small British expedition on a direct and unclimbed route.

Mr Christian Bonington, leader of the team of eight, said in London yesterday, that the attempt would continue the new approach of climbing the highest peaks by the most difficult way, using a compact group.

Appropriately a flurry of snow blew through an open window of the Pakistan Embassy as members of the expedition, which is sponsored by the London Rubber Company's home, health care and leisure products group, described their ambitions.

Mr Bonington said K2 was more impressive than Everest. The summit had been reached by Italians in 1954 and Japanese in 1977. Only nine men had stood on its summit, and only one route had been used so far.

The British expedition will carry the one ton of equipment required to climb the steep west ridge. K2 is 286ft lower than Everest.

Outside the Pakistan Embassy in London yesterday, some team members of the British K2 expedition (left to right): Mr Joe Tasker, Mr Paul Braithwaite, Mr Christian Bonington (leader), Mr Tony Riley, Mr Alan Jewhurst (overland driver), Mr Philip Llewellen (driver) and Dr James Duff.

Six of the eight climbers were on the 1975 south-west face of Everest climb, led by Mr Bonington, which involved 80 mountaineers and Sherpas and costing £130,000. Mr Bonington said the K2 attempt would cost only £50,000, with a 90 per cent reduction in staff.

"With a big team climbers have not enough to do and develop a feeling of dissatisfaction. There is almost too much time to rest", he said.

As the British team tackles the west ridge an American expedition will be attempting the Via Normal on the opposite side of K2, but there will be no race.

The careful plan to climb the west ridge route, which has a nasty uptilt in its high reaches, allows for three pairs of climbers to attempt the summit. "The smaller the team the greater the challenge", Mr Bonington said.

Lieutenant-General Mohammad Akbar Khan, Pakistan Ambassador in Britain, paid tribute to "the intrepid British mountaineers". He said: "The formidable west ridge of K2 is one of the steepest features of the Karakoram range in the frosty northern latitudes of Pakistan".

Overland members of the expedition left London yesterday. The climbers fly to Pakistan on May 10 and begin their attempt on June 1.

'Test' case on spastic housewife's pension

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

The Chief National Insurance Commissioner yesterday heard a spastic housewife relies on her husband to help her to dress, do the laundry and cut up her food, explain why her invalidity pension should not be reduced.

It was the first case in which the Department of Health and Social Security has appealed against the award of the benefit, introduced last November. Judgment was reserved. The Disablement Income Group, providing legal representation for the woman because they regard it as a test case.

Mrs Annette Mitchell, of Manchester, was awarded a housewives' non-contributory invalidity pension by a local tribunal in December worth £10.50 a week to housewives who cannot work nor do "normal household duties".

Mrs Mitchell has a spastic leg and cannot use her left arm. She told Mr Rawden Temple, QC, the chief commissioner hearing the appeal in London today that her husband helped do most household duties.

Questioned by Mrs Morgan, for the department, Mrs Mitchell said she could do some cooking and washing up and wash up a cup.

Mrs Morgan said that the benefit was for incapacity for disablement. The issue was whether Mrs Mitchell was capable of performing household duties to a substantial extent" as defined in the regulations.

In her view the local tribunal had not taken enough account that Mrs Mitchell could perform light household duties.

Mr Dennis Gordon, appearing for Mrs Mitchell, argued that she had established that she was more than substantially disabled in the four main areas of normal housework: keeping the home clean and tidy; doing the weekly wash and ironing; preparing and cooking meals; and selecting and buying food shopping.

Mr Temple said that he would give his decision in a few weeks.

Courses planned as aids for teachers

The Open University and the Schools Council are to provide £120,000 each towards an in-service course for teachers on curriculum review and pupil *assessment*.

The university is also planning to introduce a course intended to improve the teaching of mathematics. It would "build on the idea that every teacher, whatever he or she teaches, is a teacher of mathematics", the university said.

The course, part of the university's undergraduate and associate student programmes, will start in 1980.

The curriculum review course, which will begin in 1981, will concentrate on practical difficulties faced by teachers.

Professor John Merrit, the course team chairman, said it would give many teachers a common basis for a searching reexamination of curricular priorities and practices.

Newspaper to close

The *Thames Valley Times*, the midweek edition of the *Richmond and Twickenham Times* series, owned by the Dimbleby family, ceases publication from next Tuesday.

Staff union in recognition battle

From Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter
Canterbury

Mr John Lyons has a reputation at the TUC not to be envied. As general secretary of the Engineers' and Managers' Association he is engaged in a battle with other TUC unions over union recognition. The prize is the right to recruit among senior professional and managerial workers, one of the last big areas of non-unionism.

His main combatants are the communist-led Technical Administrative and Supervisory Section (Tass) of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and the militant Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS).

Mr Lyons speaks of the "unacceptable face of trade unionism" and thinks the aim may be to defeat and humiliate his union. To believe the Engineers' and Managers Association, the TUC is biased against a smaller union, with 45,000 members, in favour of ASTMS and Tass, both of which are directly represented on the TUC General Council.

To believe the TUC, the small union's recruitment ambitions must not be allowed because that would bring the proliferation of unions, which is contrary to healthy bargaining arrangements.

The managers' association has an important ally in the British Air Line Pilots Association (Balpa), whose general secretary, Mr Mark Young, told the conference of the Electrical Power Engineers' Association (which is part of the Engineers' and Managers' Association) in Canterbury yesterday: "There is more than a slight suggestion by some of the principal TUC leaders that small organizations like ours must be dragooned into the large unions. That view should be resisted."

If the association was expelled or left the TUC, Mr Young said, there would be pressure on Balpa to consider its own TUC membership.

The association's previous interests were solely in electricity supply when it consisted only of the Electrical Power Engineers' Association. One of its other big battles is for recognition at the nationalized British Shipbuilders, a claim justified because of its takeover late last year of the Shipbuilding and Allied Industries Management Association.

The TUC General Council is in no doubt about what it wants. Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, wrote to British Shipbuilders that an early decision not to recognize the staff association was essential in the interests of good industrial relations. Proliferation of unions, he said, should be avoided.

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) which is never anxious to upset the TUC, is trying to help British Shipbuilders find a way out of an invidious position, and meanwhile is soft-pedalling on its claim to Acas for recognition rights at British Shipbuilders.

The staff association's position will clearly be weakened if Mr Ian Mikardo's Bill, to restrain the right of a TUC union to pursue recognition claims through Acas except with TUC agreement is enacted. It is due for report stage and third reading in the Commons on Friday week.

The association argues that people should be allowed to join the union of their choice. In nearly all cases that argument would be nonsense, because an increase in the number of unions means more inter-union trouble. But in this case the signs are that if the association does not get recognition senior professionals and management will still not want to join ASTMS or Tass.

Railway workers killed by train 'had no lookout'

From Our Correspondent
Luton

Four railway workers were killed by a train as they worked on a line without a proper lookout, it was said at Ampthill Magistrates' Court, Bedfordshire, yesterday. The British Railways Board denies failing to ensure that a lookout was posted and failing to provide adequate training and supervision.

Mr Gerard Boyd, prosecuting for the Health and Safety Executive, said the accident last May at Houghton Conquest, near Bedford, could have been avoided. "The failure to provide a lookout was a clear breach of the Health and Safety at Work Act." That charge was dismissed.

Mr Boyd said the usual gang of 13 had been reduced to eight including two temporary replacements. The train driver, Mr Leonard Jackson, was not told that they were working on the line.

The dead men were Mr Terence Parker, aged 21; Mr Stephen Thoroughgood, aged 19; Mr Barry Gilbert, aged 34; and Mr Onofrio Mule, aged 45; all of Bedford. The gang leader, Mr Dennis Chamberlain, aged 31, had had the job only five months before the accident although he had been a railwayman for seven years. Since the accident he has been disciplined and demoted.

He said the men's van had gone off with the safety equipment, but he had told Mr Parker, an experienced lookout, "to keep an eye out for the lads" before getting on with his own work.

The hearing continues.

Skipper fined

Wermer Verbeke, skipper of the Belgian fishing vessel Marretje, was fined £1,000 by Dover magistrates yesterday for fishing with nets with undersize mesh.

Parachute prince

Prince Andrew arrived at RAF Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, yesterday to start a parachute course. He is due to make his first jump from an aircraft on April 18.

Manx MPs seek modified UK tax agreement

From Our Correspondent
Douglas (IoM)

An agreement that keeps the Isle of Man's indirect taxation arrangements in line with those in Britain should be modified to give the island greater autonomy, a committee of Manx MPs says.

Failing that, the nineteenth-century agreement, known as the common purse, should be brought to an end, it is argued.

The committee, which was set up by Tynwald, the Manx parliament, just over a year ago, says that if given more flexibility the Manx Government could increase tourism by reducing VAT on hotel prices and duty on drinks and cigarettes. But its report says it would be socially unacceptable for cheap drink and cigarettes to be the main reason for abrogating the common purse.

It declares that the British Government would not oppose the modification or ending of the agreement.

The committee says it intends to seek renegotiation of the common purse before considering ending it. It will first pursue the establishment of a Manx customs service to take over from Britain's.

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Home hunters get personal help from the Greater London Council computer.

House hunting is always a headache, but the Greater London Council has a bigger job than most. Its Housing Scheme involves allocating council houses and flats as fairly as possible amongst thousands of people who need homes urgently. People like teachers or transport workers, essential to the capital, as well as others whose growing families, illness, change of work or adaptation problems oblige them to move. The council currently receives about 1500 requests a week for urgent accommodation.

The fact that the council can cope, is largely due to an IBM computer system, installed in 1974. Housed at the GLC's headquarters in Central London, the computer is connected by Post Office lines to terminals in 8 district offices. Into the computer are fed details and personal needs of families seeking relocation. This data is stored by the computer, and updated regularly. Based on the GLC's allocation policy and each family's situation, the computer helps establish a priority order. It then searches through its data on all the houses and flats available, matching families' requirements to property characteristics in accordance with the priority scheme. The computer even helps communicate the solution to the applicant. It automatically prints out a letter inviting the family to visit the suggested location. Following this, it keeps track of whether or not the suggestion was accepted. If it wasn't, family and flat go back to be matched again.

Sometimes two families seeking help are ideal for each others' houses. The computer is also programmed to recognise this, and print letters making the suggestion for a mutual exchange.

The GLC says the number of allocations they can deal with has doubled thanks to this system. And since the computer provides a more scientific matching process, there is now a higher acceptance rate of the allocations made.

Plans are in hand to extend the system for lettings enquiries to ten more districts. And just recently, the system won the British Computer Society's award for the UK system of the "Greatest benefit to Society".

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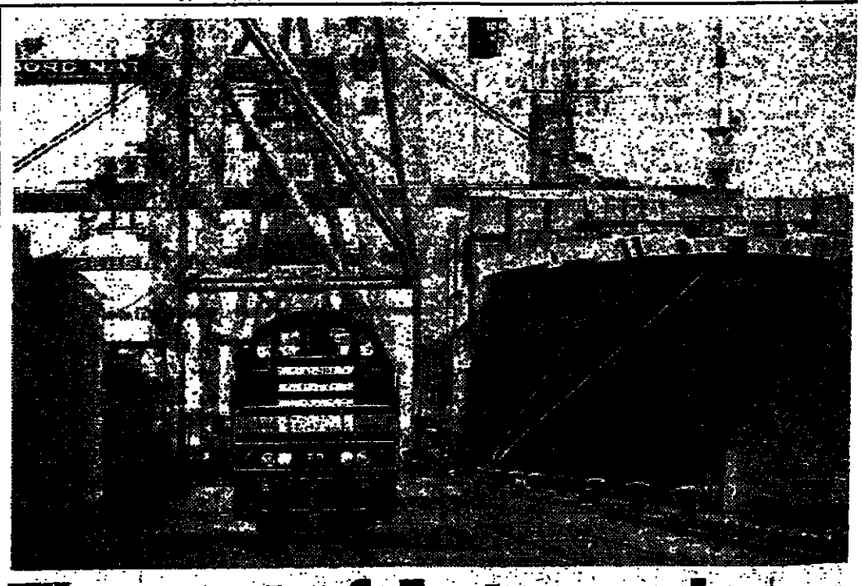

The port of Antwerp is now ship-shape.

Antwerp is one of the busiest ports in Europe. When the Antwerp council acquired an IBM computer, the port became one of the system's main areas of activity.

The computer is used for the entire port administration. This includes the control of 18 warehouses containing equipment and spare parts needed to keep the port in operation. The computer produces invoices for all port services, such as the use of tugs and cranes, and the renting of space in the warehouses. It also checks on all incoming and outgoing ships to simplify loading and docking.

Back on dry land, the same system is helping to keep the town of Antwerp in smooth running order. The computer calculates the salaries, taxes and pensions of all council workers, about 12,500 people. It computes the private pensions of over 8,000 others and helps with a yearly census of the total population of Antwerp. It maintains a register of inhabitants and their changes of address, and keeps track of the housing situation. It does the entire council's book-keeping. It issues reminders for medical check-ups, and handles all administration for general elections.

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This examination of future trends is based on the policy that most new expansion programmes for electricity generation will be for nuclear power, and by the turn of the century a surplus of off-peak nuclear capacity will be available, making energy storage like the underground scheme attractive.

The review concludes that alternative renewable sources of energy from the tides, wind, solar power, geothermal heat from rocks, and others are unlikely to contribute significantly to electricity generation. Yet the report suggests it is important to explore those alternatives both to satisfy the board that nuclear expansion is fully justified, and to demonstrate that to other groups opposing nuclear power expansion.

Further, if future nuclear expansion is limited, the increased demand and price for fossil fuels would make some of the alternatives attractive, so there is a case for studying the more promising of them as an insurance.

Some encouragement is given for work being done by other groups on wave power machines. The first phase of the research and development programme costing £2.5m by the Department of Energy should be completed this year.

The CEGB assessment is that at this stage likely costs can only be tentative, but preliminary assessments show that wave energy will not compete with nuclear power, or with conventional generation, unless fuel costs rise by a factor of more than two in real terms.

The poor economics are partly due to the small contribution which such devices can make to providing "firm power", since prolonged periods of up to a week can occur with little wave energy available. So back-up plant would be required.

This issue of firm power is also a subject of a paper on renewable energy sources and storage from the board's scientists in the current issue of *Nature*. Dealing mainly with wind power and proposals for the large-scale use of wind generation in the United Kingdom, they suggest the installation of wind or solar power plant will save little, if any, conventional generating capacity.

In an electricity supply system there will be a saving of conventional power station capacity as well as fuel only if the supply can be guaranteed at times of peak demand.

Barefooted girl gave tanker fire warning

A girl ran barefoot through the snow in her nightdress, early yesterday to warn neighbours of the danger to their homes after a petrol tanker had overturned and exploded at Silkstone Common, near Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

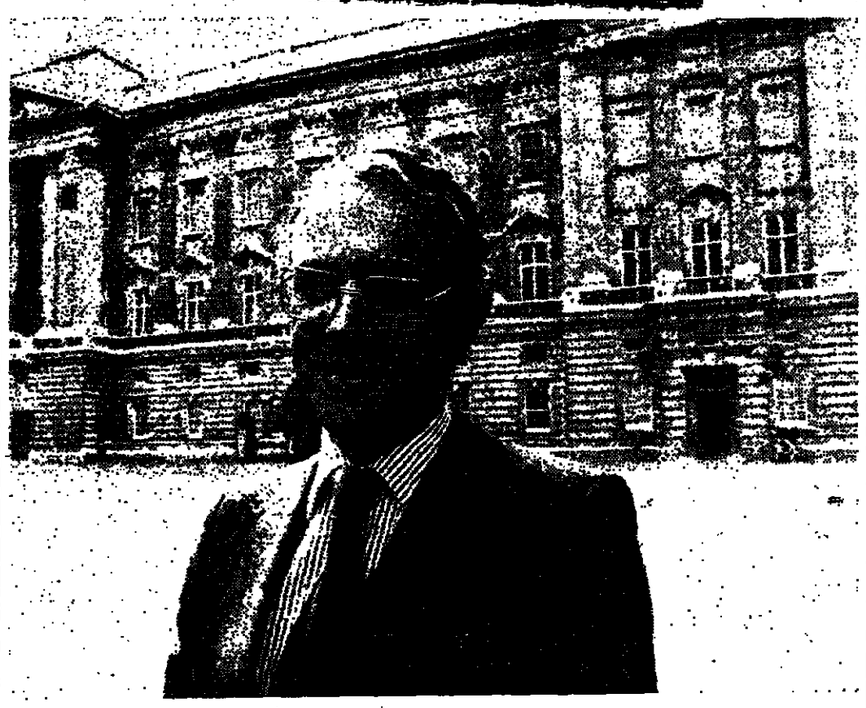
The flames from the tanker, which was carrying more than 3,000 gallons of fuel, scorched cars and broke windows of horses. The driver was trapped in the cab and was killed.

Miss Anne Tattershall, aged 17, a hospital laboratory technician, said: "There was a terrific explosion. I saw a lorry on fire outside and tried to ring the fire brigade.

"The crash had brought down the telephone wires so I ran out in my nightdress, knocking up neighbours. I had my slippers on but I took them off because I kept slipping in the snow.

"I knew there was a gas main under the road and I wanted everyone to get out of the way. I heard three other explosions and saw flames shooting in the air. There was no chance of the driver getting out alive."

People were moved from their homes as firemen brought the fire under control. A police officer said: "Anne acted with considerable presence of mind."



New press secretary: Mr Ronald Allison, the Queen's press secretary for the past five years, is to leave Buckingham Palace on May 1 to set up his own company, it was announced yesterday. His successor will be Mr Michael Shea (above), former deputy director general of British Information Services in New York. Mr Shea, who is 39, writes political thrillers under the name of Michael Sinclair.
Mr Shea was responsible for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh's successful one-day visit to New York in 1976, and for the Prince of Wales's 10-day tour of the United States last October. He also helped to coordinate the successful campaign to allow the Concorde to land in New York.
Mr Shea was educated at Gordonstoun and is married to a Norwegian. He has two daughters, aged nine and six. He is the first palace press officer to be seconded from the Foreign Office. He has served in Bonn and Bucharest as well as London.

Simple rules to prevent babies being battered

Harassed mothers have stopped themselves from battering their children by playing records or splashing their faces with cold water, Dr Neil Frude, of University College, Cardiff, told the British Psychological Society's annual conference at York yesterday.

A list of simple "safety valves" emerged from a study of 100 mothers in Cardiff who admitted that at least once they had felt the urge to harm their children seriously. Instead they resisted the temptation and yesterday Dr Frude offered these tips to potential batterers: Count to 10, leave a screaming child on its own or scream back at it, play a Perry Como record, ring a friend or have a smoke

Dr Frude said research showed there was no typical child batterer. They came from all walks of life but the patterns that had emerged showed more abusers among young parents unskilled in child handling, of lower social classes, with children who had behavioural problems or were handicapped, or were the result of unwanted pregnancies, difficult or premature births. Strict disciplinary standards with harsh punishment was another contributing factor.

"There is a myth that all child batterers are sadistic ogres, where as in fact a lot are parents struggling in difficult situations who have difficult children and are living in difficult circumstances", Dr Frude said.

"Education in schools and in antenatal classes should do more to prepare mothers for the fact that there will be times when their children are difficult or impossible." More phone-in groups like the NSPCC Help Line in London could be set up.

Part of the cause of child battering, which was responsible for the deaths of two children a week in England and Wales, was isolation.

Dr Mia Kellmer Pringle, director of the National Children's Bureau, told the conference: "So many young people have a much too ideal picture of children. Television and other advertisements and magazines for girls and women tend to show a glamorous gurgling baby with a serene, well-turned-out, smiling mother."

There should be much more emphasis on the responsibilities, constraints and hard work of parenthood. The advertisements should be toned down, and children should be taught in schools the realities of being parents.

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etland and Radio both launched on May 9 last year with the object of involving the community in radio. That followed the shift in corporation policy away from reserving its microphones for the unruffled eloquence of professional broadcasters. Radio Orkney chose to go out live in the morning. Radio Shetland broadcasts in the evening and is largely recorded in advance.

Both stations are run by former parliamentary candidates for the constituency of Orkney and Shetland. Mr Wills stood for Labour and Mr Howard Firth senior producer in Orkney, for the Scottish National Party. The logic was sound enough; almost by definition a successful MP has an eye for issues, a knowledge of an area stretching to the humblest doorstep, a liking for people and a willingness to help them and the ability to speak with assurance on subjects he may know little about. By coincidence those must surely have been the qualities required for the producers of community broadcasts.

Mr Wills is a bearded, powerfully built man with a direct manner. He was the first student rector of Edinburgh University, where, ironically, he clashed with Sir Michael Swann, the present chairman of the BBC, who was then principal and vice-chancellor at Edinburgh. Mr Wills was awarded an honours degree in geography and went on to take a PhD, writing his thesis on the history of Shetland by the light of a paraffin lamp on the island of Unst.

He now has little inclination to live anywhere other than Shetland. For a time he was boatman to the Muckle Flugga lighthouse, which illuminates the most northerly point of the British Isles. He was a reporter on the *Shetland Times* when the BBC decided to open up its two community stations.

The timing was perfect because Shetland had been visited by a social and industrial revolution that threatened the quiet style of life on the islands. "Oil has obviously brought changes but we do not take a particular editorial point of view about it", Mr Wills said. "If a story is worth broadcasting, it goes on the air, whether or not it is critical of the council or the oil companies. We have been accused of being against both, but the air is open to anyone to put a point of view."

Oil is a vital issue to Shetland and it is still uncertain whether the islands will be blessed or cursed by it. The political future has been made uncertain by the local referendum and the traditional fishing, knitwear and crofting industries are all under pressure. The issues are fine grist for a local radio station; as Shetlanders become less self-conscious about using a microphone the hope is that feelings in the islands will have a healthier airing.

Support shown for dearer luxuries, lower income tax

By Our Consumer Affairs Correspondent

Many people want Mr Healey to increase tax on smoking, drinking and jewelry and to cut income tax, according to an opinion poll commissioned by the Consumers' Association.

A representative sample of 1,574 were asked what sort of Budget they would present if they were Chancellor of the Exchequer. They were shown a list of 14 items on which they might wish to alter tax, and told that if they cut tax on one item they must balance it by increasing tax on another.

Increases were recommended principally on cigars (58 per cent), cigarettes (55 per cent), jewelry (55 per cent), spirits (48 per cent), wine (43 per cent) and beer (37 per cent).

Wages and salaries were the main suggestion for tax relief: 64 per cent thought tax on them should be reduced. Forty-six per cent thought tax on investment income should stay the same, 17 per cent would increase it and 25 per cent would lower it.

More than 80 per cent thought that car and petrol taxes should either be cut or left unchanged. Women were keener than men to put up the tax on beer and to cut tax on domestic appliances.

The poll, conducted by the British Market Research Bureau, suggests that the public do not understand tax matters very well. More than half the respondents (55 per cent) said they had never tried to check whether they were paying the right amount of tax but left it to the Inland Revenue to get the figures right.

Sixty per cent fell into a deliberate trap set in the questionnaire by saying they would cut tax on children's clothing. Children's clothing is already tax free.

Clerks identify claimant by different names

When an immigrant at Blackburn, Lancashire, went to his local social security office for his benefit money one of the clerks recognized him as Osman Dakri, but another clerk knew him as Rashid Omegee, it was stated at Preston Crown Court yesterday.

He had usually been interviewed by one on a Thursday and by the other on a Friday.

Mr Roger Baldwin, for the prosecution, said the man was Osman Dakri, aged 25, of Daisy Road, Blackburn. He had received £1,474 in false claims. He claimed on a Thursday in his own name for three children when he had only two. On a Friday in the name of Omegee, he claimed for a fictitious wife and three more children.

Mr Dakri pleaded guilty to two specimen charges of deception and one of theft, and was jailed for four years. He was said to have received about £4,000 by using his two methods.

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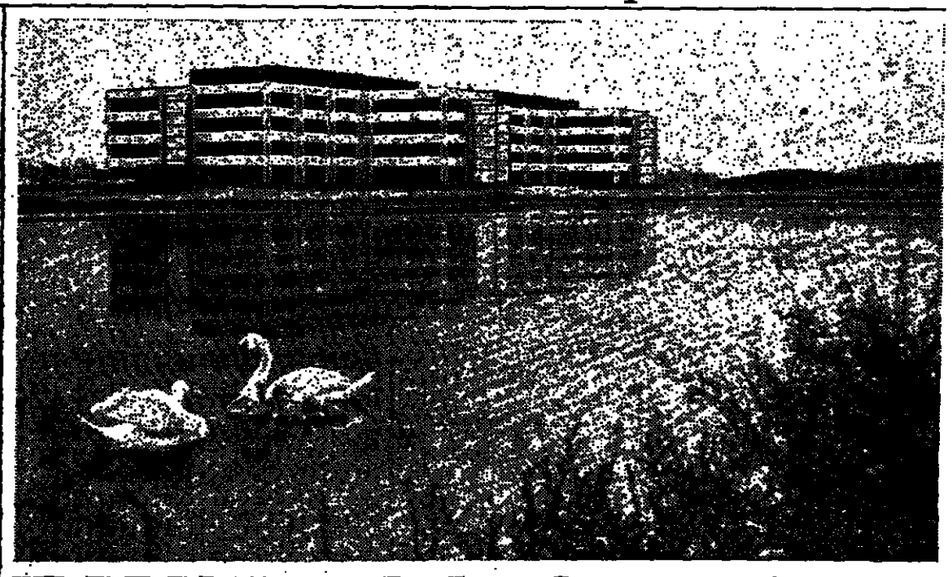
Swedish nursery school staff have more time for children.

Since the nursery staff of the municipality of Täby have been relieved of most of their administrative work, they have more time to spend with the children.

The change came about because Täby municipality asked IBM to help improve their administrative routines. Now the IBM Datacentre deals with the calculating of fees, the billing and record keeping. Practically the only administrative work left for the nursery staff is to fill out and send in a simple attendance record.

Everyone seems to be content with the new system. Parents pay to the municipality through the post, so their relationship with nursery staff is happily free of money problems. The staff themselves say they are more relaxed and have more time for the children, who in their turn get more and better care. The system also gives the municipality a clearer picture of expenses and attendance at the nurseries.

In other words, grown-ups and children alike benefit from having a computer system take care of as much as possible of the nursery administration.



IBM UK and the future.

IBM UK is growing. And so are its headquarters. Opened in 1976 at North Harbour, Portsmouth, these occupy a 125-acre site on land reclaimed from the sea by IBM as a major part of the Portsmouth Harbour reclamation scheme. Already a second major office building is planned which will double the space available.

North Harbour is just one example of IBM's rapidly expanding investment in Britain. There have been large extensions to the manufacturing plant at Greenock, Scotland, and to the development laboratory at Hursley, near Winchester. The first phase of a new marketing centre at Warwick has been completed, and the second phase is well under way. Work has begun on extensions to the manufacturing plant at Havant in Hampshire. And a technical centre is under development at Greenford Green in West London.

Since 1951, IBM United Kingdom has grown from one office with less than 100 employees, to an employer of over 14,000 people, nearly all of whom are British. Their activities have introduced new technology and associated skills into the United Kingdom. Among the 48 locations they work at is the largest IBM development laboratory outside the United States.

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Luxembourg's water problem cleaned up.

A new computerized water resource system in Luxembourg helped significantly in 1976's severe summer drought. The system was able to help plan a daily supply of 82,000 m^3, using surface water from the Esch-sur-Sûre dam instead of Luxembourg's traditional underground source. This allowed the region to cope with the extra demands the wells couldn't meet.

The IBM computer controls water feeding from the dam to the treatment stations, the five treatment phases, pumping to the receiving reservoir, and distribution of the water, which provides over half of Luxembourg's daily needs. It also has built-in alarms to control reservoir levels and water quality. It keeps day to day data on consumption in different areas and produces graphs to illustrate these.

Luxembourg's Water Resources Management say the system means that they can now answer the differing demands of every area with water of consistently high quality.

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WEST EUROPE

Delay on neutron bomb is further blow to Bonn-Washington ties

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, April 10

Although the Government is trying hard not to show it, President Carter's postponement of a final decision on production of the neutron bomb has strained the already deteriorating relations between Bonn and Washington.

Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, reported to the combined parliamentary defence and foreign committees today on the decision and what went on before it. But the session was shrouded in the same secrecy which has accompanied West German deliberations on the issue all along.

The Government's disappointment may, and the Opposition's certainly will, emerge when the Chancellor makes a statement on the bomb to the Bundestag (parliament) on Thursday.

The West Germans have already been put out by disagreements with Washington over economic policy and, in particular, by the imposition by Congress of further conditions on agreed deliveries of American uranium. West Germany is relying probably more than any other European country on this source of fuel for its growing nuclear energy production.

The setbacks are accompanied also by a lack of personal rapport between President Carter and Herr Schmidt due to their widely differing temperaments.

Herr Helmut Kohl, the Christian Democrat Opposition leader, said today the Chancellor himself was partly to blame for what he called the "dramatic deterioration" in German-American relations. Herr Schmidt had not dared to make the German position public for fear of upsetting the left-wing of his Social Democrat Party, he alleged.

In fact, the Government has still not made public its position on the bomb. Broadly it appears that the United States should go ahead with production and that meanwhile the bomb should be used as a pawn in the arms limitation talks.

Its renunciation could be offered in exchange for reduction of Soviet long-range missiles or tank power. Nato members should declare themselves willing to have the bomb deployed on their soil if the negotiations fail.

The postponement of any decision and the President's failure to give any dealine for arms reduction moves by the Soviet Union are believed to have angered the Government deeply. But every effort is being made to avoid worsening the situation by critical talk.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, who made a hurried visit to Washington last week to try and press Bonn's point of view, tried to give the impression on television that all the problems could be smoothed over and that there was still ample scope to use the bomb in arms limitation talks.

Herr Klaus Bölling, the Government spokesman, chided publicly Herr Franz-Josef Straus, the right-wing Christian Social Union leader, at the weeken dfor expressing doubts about President Carter's capabilities for leadership and for saying that West Europe's role in the matter had been "pitiful".

Such uncontrolled and disparaging words could only endanger West Germany's foreign policy, he said.

A Syrian brown bear cub, the first to be born at the Nuremberg Zoo, makes a public appearance with its mother yesterday.

Month of terrorist trials for courts in Berlin

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, April 10

Berlin has become a centre of terrorist trials this month.

A retrial began today of five members of the terrorist "Second of June Movement" in connexion with the 1974 murder of Ulrich Schmücker, a 22-year-old student suspected of being a police informant.

The five were convicted of the crime and imprisoned in 1976, but a retrial was ordered last year because some witnesses had not been permitted to testify at the original trial.

Tomorrow six other alleged members of the same organization will stand trial.

The indictment comprising almost 300 pages, charges them with the kidnapping of Herr Peter Lorenz, chairman of the Berlin Christian Democratic Union, on February 27, 1975; with the murder of Herr Günter von Drenkmann, court president, on November 10, 1974; with 10 bank raids; and with breaking into an arms shop.

The six are Ralf Reinders, aged 29, Ronald Fritzsch, aged 26, Gerald Klöpper, aged 26, Fritz Teufel, aged 34, Till Meyer, aged 34, and Andreas Vogel, aged 26.

The authorities are spending 3.5m marks (about £875,000) on security measures at the court building.

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Year round parties
Arthur Murray

Plurality of mandates a modern 'Bastille' likely to be undermined but not stormed

French MPs face multiple duties

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, April 10

Before the formation of the new Government last week, President Giscard d'Estaing asked M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, that no mayors of large towns or chairmen of departmental assemblies should be given ministerial responsibilities.

In his mind, this was to be a modest first step towards reforming the deeply rooted French practice of a plurality of mandates, which is periodically condemned as morally undesirable and politically inefficient by members of all parties, but continue to flourish. It is truer than ever today that the mayor's parlour is the antechamber to a seat in Parliament.

The new National Assembly includes 68 mayors of towns of more than 30,000 inhabitants, two thirds of them belonging to the left among its 491 deputies. A majority of the others are either mayors of small towns or members of town councils. This is almost the rule for senators, who are elected indirectly by representatives of local authorities.

In the Assembly elected in 1973, 348 deputies held local mandates in addition to their national one. Of these 256 were mayors, and 254 members of the Conseil Général, the assembly of the departments, and 162 were both.

Out of 283 senators, 167 were mayors and 116 of those also sat in the Conseil Général of their department. With the creation in 1973 of regional assemblies, to which members of Parliament also belong by rights, it is frequent for deputies or senators to hold as many as four elective mandates —mayor or local councillor, departmental councillor, regional councillor, and member of Parliament.

The only step taken by the Fifth Republic to check this trend was the provision of the constitution of 1958 making it incompatible to be both a minister and a member of one of the two Houses of Parliament.

The plurality of mandates has increased under the Fifth Republic. Constitutional experts have explained that the decline in the role of Parliament, the cut in the length of Parliamentary sessions to just over six months, and the substitution of the "first-past-the-post" system by a form of proportional representation, has led members of Parliament to give far greater importance to their local activities, and to concentrate on local problems, at the expense of national ones.

It is, together with the complexity of the administration and the deputies' increasing role as an intermediary between it and his constituents, one of the reasons for the high degree of absenteeism in the National Assembly.

Local office is the usual, if not inevitable, passport to Parliament. To become a senator, it is virtually essential to be a member of a departmental assembly. To become a deputy, it is very useful to have proved oneself as mayor or general councillor of the department.

Apart from this, a member of Parliament who is also mayor of a town of reasonable size has at his disposal an office and staff which otherwise he must provide out of his parliamentary salary or his private income.

But the fundamental reason advanced by members of Parliament for plurality of mandates is that it is a condition of their efficiency both on the national and local plane. The mayor of a large town finds it almost essential to be able to plead his case himself for a share of government subsidies in both the regional and departmental assemblies, and in the national Parliament. He carries more weight with the administration in Paris if he is a deputy or a senator.

Conversely, a member of Parliament has a better feel of popular sentiment if he is the chief citizen of a large or medium sized town in his constituency.

In theory, a close identity between local and national responsibilities makes sense, particularly in a highly centralized country like France, where only very timid attempts have been made to devolve more financial responsibility to the regions.

The only bold regional reform contemplated under the Fifth Republic was that of General de Gaulle in 1969. It was turned down in a referendum because it was coupled with the suppression of the Senate in its present form.

In practice, however, the plurality of mandates is inefficient and even to some extent undemocratic. M Bernard Stasi, a Centrist deputy and former minister, wrote a few years ago that elective mandates tend to be concentrated in a small number of people who end by coopting one another to various offices, and prevent the renewal of elected representatives by popular suffrage.

M Jacques Chaban-Delmas, the new president of the National Assembly, is both Mayor of Bordeaux, and deputy for the Gironde. M Pierre Mauroy, the number two of the Socialist Party, is Mayor of Lille, and deputy for the Nord. The one is chairman and the other vice-chairman of their regional assemblies.

Yet there are signs, perhaps, that this "Bastille of modern times" as the plurality of offices has been called, is likely, not to be stormed, but to be gradually undermined because it exceeds the physical capacity of one man to fill three or four elective offices at the same time. Either he does not do his job properly, or he delegates his responsibilities to others, whom the voters have not chosen.

M André Boulloche, a member of the Socialist Party executive, who was killed in an air crash during the election, wrote in an article published posthumously that "the legislative function and the task of controlling the government suffer greatly from this system. To discourage elected representatives from wanting to scale the ladder of elective offices while continuing to stand on every rung as they move towards the higher reaches is something that would strengthen democracy both on the national and the local plane."

But only a law would achieve it. It is hardly likely, however, to be high up in the priorities of the new Government.

New Portuguese political group formed

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, April 10

A new political group, the Workers Unitary Organization, has been founded in Portugal by the merger of three groups whose members supported the candidacy of Major Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho for the Presidency in 1976.

Major Otelo, the former security force chief and post-revolutionary military governor of Lisbon, stood against General Ramalho Eanes, but only obtained 16.24 per cent of the country's votes.

An inquiry has been going on into his behaviour while in office, but he has remained a popular hero because of the part he played in the April 25, 1974 revolution. He was one of the chief strategists of the revolution, and is still regarded with indulgence in military circles.

The new group was formed during a congress in Marinha Grande, 45 miles north of Lisbon. Major Otelo was present but took no official part in the congress as his military position forbids him from being active in politics.

Gonzalez socialists gain from merger of parties

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, April 10

Professor Enrique Tierno Galván, the leader of Spain's Popular Socialist Party (PSP), has no regrets about the decision to join his party with the big Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), according to reports published here today.

"I'm happy because I have achieved socialist unity", he commented after an overwhelming majority of the delegates attending his party's fourth congress in Fuengirola over the weekend voted in favour of the motion to enter the PSOE as a block.

The fusion is expected to be given the routine approval of the federal committees of both parties this week. This will mean that the PSOE, under the leadership of Señor Felipe González, an Andalusian lawyer, will gain six seats in the Congress of Deputies, increasing its total to 124; and two seats in the Senate, increasing its total to 50.

The increase in the number of MPs under the control of Señor González means little, since these congressmen and senators consistently have voted with the PSOE. The new total of 124 seats in the Congress is still well short of the 165 held by the Centre Democratic Union of Señor Adolfo Suarez, the Prime Minister.

"As far as I'm concerned there's no sentimental problem", the professor said after his party voted itself out of existence.

Although the matter was not discussed at the PSP Congress, it is believed that as part of the deal for bringing his followers to Señor González, Professor Tierno Galván was promised the opportunity of being the socialist candidate for mayor of Madrid, when the long-awaited municipal elections are held.

In an indirect reference to such speculation, the professor said: "I'm not in politics because of a thirst for power, but rather because of the circumstances and a feeling of ethical responsibility. Nevertheless, if they offered me the post of prime ministr of that of mayor of Madrid, I would accept it because I would consider it my duty."

Husak visit to Bonn criticized

Bonn, April 10.—Dr Gustav Husak, the Czechoslovak President and Communist Party leader, today began a four-day visit to West Germany amid widespread criticism here of his country's record on human rights. It is his first official visit to a Nato country.

Bonn officials said they welcomed the visit as an opportunity to bring West Germany's ties with Czechoslovakia up to the level of those with other East European states.

But many critics of the Prague Government said they regarded the visit rather as an opportunity for blunt speaking about what they described as Czechoslovakia's gross human rights violations.

Many of the estimated 120,000 people who fled Czechoslovakia after the Soviet-led invasion in 1968 came to West Germany. Leading émigrés have attacked President Husak's regime.

Ludek Pachman, the chess grandmaster, today described Dr Husak at a press conference here as a quisling who had betrayed his former friends.

Dr Husak assumed the leadership of the Czechoslovak Community Party in 1969, after the violent collapse of Mr Alexander Dubcek's reformist Government.

One of the strongest criticisms of President Husak came last week from Cardinal Joseph Höffner of Cologne, the head of the Roman Catholic Church in West Germany. He called on the Prague Government to change the course of its policies and said the German bishops felt great concern at Czechoslovakia's record on human rights.

Government sources said the human rights issue would be raised during Dr Husak's talks here.

The Czechoslovak leader began his visit today with a first round of talks with President Scheel. The two countries' foreign ministers held separate discussions, described by the Foreign Ministry here as friendly.—Reuter.

OVERSEAS

Mr Carter begins to show signs of a new determination

From David Cross
Washington, April 10

Fifteen months after his arrival in Washington, President Carter still has an uncanny knack of confounding all those experts who believe that they at last have the measure of his Georgian ways. Last week's muddle over the neutron bomb, which produced renewed charges of inconsistency and vacillation from his critics, was a prime example.

"The mishandled bomb", *The New York Times* called it in a leading article in the midst of the controversy last week, adding that few episodes in the life of this Administration had been more clumsily managed.

The factor that rankled most was not so much the contents of the decision itself, although there was plenty of criticism of those, but the sudden reversal of Mr Carter's earlier preference for pressing ahead with the programme. Not only had he failed to consult more than a small handful of his closest advisers before making up his mind, but he had failed to prepare the world for the change of heart.

But his critics should not have been quite so taken aback. In the foreign policy sector, in particular, Mr Carter has just begun to show the first signs of looking beyond the short-term gains of popular decisions towards what he believes to be the longer term interests of his country.

A month ago it seemed as though nothing would go right for him. His reluctant intervention in the country's longest coal strike had produced nothing but bitterness among the miners and he still had nothing tangible to show for his assiduous courtship of Congress. The approval of even the vestiges of his energy programme, in particular, which he had introduced as "the moral equivalent of war" nearly a year ago still seemed far away.

The first breakthrough was the ratification by the Senate, albeit by the slimmest of margins, of the first of the two controversial Panama Canal treaties. Mr Carter and his staff had themselves argued that this vote was a key test of the President's prestige and ability to run the country's domestic and foreign policies effectively.

The vote was particularly gratifying for the President because one of the most persistent criticism of his leadership in recent months had been his apparent inability to win support for his most important policies on Capitol Hill.

Then, hard on the heels of the Panama Canal vote, came the miners' decision to accept a new wages offer and return to work before coal shortages had any serious impact on the country's already faltering economy.

Encouraged by these auspicious developments, the President has since manifested a renewed determination to come to grips with the most awkward and daunting problems in a fashion that he has not displayed since his first few weeks in the White House.

In quick succession he has decided to sell sophisticated fighter aircraft to the Egyptians and Saudi Arabians, to ask Congress to lift the three-year embargo on arms sales to the Turks and to toughen his general response to the Warsaw Pact build-up in Europe and Soviet and Cuban intervention in Africa.

All these moves inevitably more upset the governments directly concerned, as well as their influential supporters in the United States like the Jewish-American and Greek-American lobbies.

This new resolution is making itself felt on the domestic policy front, too. Mr Carter is expected to announce tomorrow that he intends to restrict wage rises for civil servants this year as part of a new anti-inflation programme and he has already said he will veto new farm proposals which are now passing through Congress and which he considers too inflationary. Neither move will improve his popularity rating, which, if recent public opinion polls are correct, continues to fall.

White House officials attribute the long decline in public approval for Mr Carter principally to unrealistically high expectations of what any American president can accomplish in just a few months.

They also believe that any politician who approaches problems in a pragmatic way confuses people who have already categorized them as a conservative or a liberal.

While both these explanations are difficult to dispute, Mr Carter's poor showing in the opinion polls also undoubtedly lies in the way the White House and other Government departments handle important policy decisions.

In keeping with his management background and his fascination for detail, virtually every decision of note is taken by Mr Carter personally on the basis of bulky briefs provided by his Cabinet officers and his closest advisers. Often they are unsure which option he will take until the very last minute, irrespective of the advice he has been given. Such was the case with his initial decision to scrap production of the neutron bomb.

This uncertainty makes it difficult for any other senior member of the Administration to forecast what the final outcome will be and prepare public opinion for any unpleasant surprises. It is particularly noticeable in the foreign policy sector, where three individuals with very distinct views are often tendering different advice.

Thus the administration's policy towards the Soviet Union, in particular, has often seemed inconsistent, depending on whether it has emanated from Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, Mr Zbigniew Brzezinski, the President's National Security Adviser, or Mr Andrew Young, the United States representative at the United Nations. There have been similar differences of emphasis in the Administration's policy towards southern Africa because of the often conflicting views of Mr Vance and Mr Young.

Another factor in the equation is the personality of Mr Carter himself. Although he makes himself completely accessible to all his Cabinet colleagues, many of them still have no clear insight into the way his mind works. Only those few advisers who have known him for a long time claim to be able to read his thoughts.

Owen-Va visit to Salisbury likely

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspond

In a change of plan, D Owen, the Foreign S and Mr Cyrus Van American Secretary o are now considering Salisbury to see Mr Sm Rhodesian Prime Mini his three African colle the new Executive. Such a meeting woul tute an important Anglo-American readj deal face-to-face with t tories of the interna ment.

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Raids by police to prevent airport protests

Tokyo, April 10.—Japanese police staged raids throughout the country today to try to stop further violent demonstrations aimed at preventing the opening of Tokyo's new international airport.

A police spokesman said that 29 places had been searched for weapons-making factories and other equipment used in the past by radical leftists in battles with police at the airport.

The Government was forced to postpone the airport's opening from March 30 to May 20 after protesters smashed control tower equipment.—Reuter.

Australia and US aske to give Vietnamese ref

Singapore, April 10.—Australia and the United States have been asked to give asylum to most of the Vietnamese who arrived here on board a hijacked cargo ship yesterday. Informed sources said today that only 13 of the 34 people on board wanted to return to Vietnam with their ship.

The 558-tonne coaster VAM-CO24 was seized by four crew at sea after setting our from the Vietnamese port of Haiphong for, Ho Chi Minh City.

The mutineers intended to sail to Australia, but put into Singapore yesterday after running out of food and fuel.

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Farewell to an unloved comput

From Michael Binyon
Moscow

A local paper in Minsk recently carried the advertisement: "For sale: one Minsk 32 computer, complete with spare parts".

It was a strange announcement. Computers are expensive and still rare in the Soviet Union, and they are not normally bought and sold through small advertisements. But the background story is even stranger and reveals the primitive state of computer science in the Soviet Union and the difficulties in trying to introduce automation here.

In the early 1970s when all te talk was of these new "thinking machines" that would increase industrial efficiency, the electricity authority in Minsk decided it would follow the trend and get a computer. The director di not know much about such things, but he knew that he would be well thought of if he could show progress in automation.

Computers were hard to obtain, but the Ministry of Energy and Electrification was enthusiastic and sanctioned the purchase of a Minsk 324. Five years ago it was installed and the office was affiliated to the Institute of Power Plant Construction in Novosibirsk, which was asked to prepare 31 programs for the computer.

It then turned out that the authority in fact needed only eight, which hardly justified the cost of a computer that size. Nevertheless the ministry continued to encourage the scheme.

The director was so keen to report that one more Soviet computer was in action that he did not wait for all the programs to be prepared and went ahead with only five. Of these, three were incorrectly drawn up and so only two could be used. But at least the new machine was now officially working and carrying out its functions.

One of these was "control of the implementation of the director's decisions, ensuring the provision of proper resources and control of office paperwork". Every week the director had on his desk a computer record of how his orders had been carried out and by whom. The number of workers not doing their jobs properly was also noted each day.

However, the office workers took exception to this activity. "We don't want the bosses checking up each day on what we should have done", they declared.

Next the chief engineer wrote a report in which he said that two months' experimentation with the computer had disclosed weak office discipline and slackness in carrying out the director's orders. "We must take greater care to feed the computer correct information", he said. But in view of the work nothing came of mendation.

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Marcos's leading versary, Mr Benigno nched a bitter verbal ast the regime from ell today. In a state- ed by his wife, Mr med that the regime ed to "naked ter- obtain votes for Mrs 20 others of the candidates who con- ats in Metro Manila. ew from the "very e political deck was against us and we rtained any illu- said. As far as the People's Power was concerned, the d reached a climax f the election when hundreds of thousands of people in Manila came out on to the streets at 9 pm to sound car horns, bang pots and pans and create noise in a demonstration against martial law.

"It was our moral victory. The fact that the final count does not tally with the previous night's spontaneous demonstration only brings out in stark contrast the falsity of the returns."

According to the present trends not a single member of the Opposition will capture a seat in Metro Manila.

Mr Aquino, who was sentenced to death by a military court last November, went on: "The real victors are the Filipino people. They have finally succeeded in overcoming their collective fear that has stood guard over the locked doors of freedom."

There can be little doubt that the outburst of noise throughout the city on Thursday and another demonstration against martial law yesterday, have upset the regime.

Referring to what is described as "the noise barrage", an official statement said that 52 people arrested in connexion with it would be charged with sedition. Another 500 demonstrators arrested yesterday as they attempted to march to a protest prayer meeting at the Manila cathedral have been charged with sedition, illegal assembly and inciting sedition.

The regime claims that the demonstrators were carrying bombs and signs calling for violence and revolution. Foreign reporters, however, including myself, who witnessed the protest march saw no sign of weapons or inflammatory placards when the demonstrators surrendered peacefully to the police.

Manila, April 10.—Foreign correspondents were told today to wear identification tags conspicuously when covering events, to distinguish them from "agents provocateurs masquerading as journalists".

Mr Lorenzo Cruz, the director of the Bureau of Foreign and National Information, also called on the Foreign Correspondents' Association "to screen its ranks and cooperate with the Philippine Government in ensuring that the foreign press community is not infiltrated by subversive foreign agents".—Reuter.

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Beirut break with Arab censorship habit frees reporters to witness bitter reality of Lebanon attack

Civilian dead and shattered villages belie Israeli account of invasion

By Robert Fisk

Dr Zachem and his colleagues in the Lebanese Ministry of Information in Beirut made an important decision when the Israelis invaded southern Lebanon last month. Up in their comfortable third-floor offices in Hamra Street, they decided there was no reason to restrict or censor the war reports that foreign correspondents were sending out of the country.

"We think the truth will look after itself", Dr Zachem said almost a week after the invasion began. Whether he now believes he was right is another matter, but he and his two principal advisers may have created a little history all the same.

In the past, Western correspondents were rarely given unrestricted access to the battle area on the Arab side. This time they were, and were also given every facility to send their dispatches, uncensored.

As a result, correspondents from countries traditionally sympathetic to the Israeli cause found themselves, day after day, under fire from Israeli guns. From the Arab side of that front line, the assertions of Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, that the Israelis were going out of their way to avoid civilian casualties—and that the Palestinian guerrilla movement had been crushed—did not carry much weight.

Instead of visiting the front escorted by an Israeli officer in the wake of victorious troops, scores of Western correspondents became caught up on the roads of southern Lebanon with thousands of panic-stricken refugees. They watched villages destroyed by air strikes and saw, too many times for recall, the hundreds of dead.

The Israelis said the invasion should not be regarded as retaliation for the massacre by Palestinian terrorists of Israeli civilians on the Tel Aviv highway a few days before; but even some Americans reporters, veterans of Vietnam as well as other Middle East wars, found it hard to believe. As Israeli shells started smashing two blocks of flats in the city of Tyre, one American television network reporter remarked with some disgust: "How many hundreds of civilians have to be killed here before the Israelis finish avenging 37 people?"

Not that anyone reporting from the Palestinian side of the line was doing any glamorizing for the Israelis' enemy. Some of the Palestinian fedayeen were friendly to the press; others were not. Journalists were threatened several times with summary execution by angry gunmen, who took sudden and frightening exception to them. Reporters watched the Palestinians firing rockets from the southern outskirts of Tyre into Israel; they did not seem to be aiming at military targets.

There were thus few illusions about the Palestinians' role or their methods. For the journalists operating freely in Lebanon, it was the Israeli account of the battle that became more and more suspect. To the north of the Israeli line, Western correspondents quickly learned to interpret the semantics of Israeli radio broadcasts. An announcement that the Israeli Army believed that "terrorists" were reentering Tyre would bring a gale of artillery fire on to the streets around journalists and civilians alike. The few Palestinians in the area never stayed in the streets at a time like that: The civilians had no choice.

A statement that the Israelis would attack guerrilla supply routes was particularly worrying; those of us in Tyre quickly realized that "supply routes" simply meant main roads on which we, like the refugees and the inhabitants of Tyre, had to travel. There were civilian casualties on the main road north of Tyre; we never saw any dead Palestinian guerrillas there. The Israelis were not choosy at whom they shot.

They almost killed David Hirst, *The Guardian's* Middle East correspondent, when he and two colleagues entered a village after an air strike. The Israeli tank commander who shot at them said later he thought he had been firing at "terrorists".

On a hilltop near Hannouiye, near Tyre, an Israeli tank started firing at reporters of the American Associated Press and *The Times*. We had been sitting in a field, most of us wearing bright shirts, and looking most unlike terrorists.

Several journalists wondered, after a few days of reporting freely in southern Lebanon, whether the Israelis would complain about their coverage by the Western press. Few of them were surprised when the Israeli Ambassador in London protested that reporting in the British press had sometimes been "unfair".

Until last month, of course, the Israelis had been the only participant in Middle East conflicts to give journalists any sight of a battle, although only with officially appointed escorts.

In previous wars, the Arab nations have generally prevented the Western press from reaching the firing line, shut them in hotels, and allowed the censors to shred any battle reports. It is true that the battles in southern Lebanon were not being fought by an Arab regular army; it is also true that the fighting never reached the intensity of an international Middle East conflict.

But the Lebanese, weak though their authorities are, could have imposed censorship easily. After all, they censor the local press ruthlessly enough. The Syrians, too, were in a position to enforce censorship in Beirut.

Neither did; and so at a time when a foreign correspondent's ability to report is being restricted in so many countries, it is perhaps worth noting that Lebanon—broken though it has been by civil war—thought it worth while to allow foreign journalists complete freedom.

In the long term, other Arab states may think the same. For the first time, the Israelis were not the only side with journalists in the front line. It cannot have done the Arabs any harm.

Israeli security chiefs criticized over hoax terror raid alert

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, April 10

Israeli security chiefs were being criticized today for overreacting to a terrorist alert last night which is now believed to have been a hoax.

The authorities, who were criticized last month for bungling their response to the seaborne raid by Palestinians, which led to the deaths of more than 30 Israeli civilians, took no chances last night. After reports of a radio message apparently from a lorry driver saying his vehicle had been commandeered by terrorists who had killed his wife, and were heading towards Gaza, a big security operation was put into effect.

Roadblocks were mounted along a 35-mile stretch of road south of Tel Aviv; troops spread out along the coast firing flares, while helicopters circled overhead; 50,000 residents of the coast town of Ashkelon were ordered to their bomb shelters; cinemas and clubs were evacuated and three large hospitals put on full alert.

A special anti-terrorist squad, which in the previous emergency disgraced itself by flying in the wrong direction, arrived correctly this time but found no target.

One newspaper *Maariv*, criticized what it described as the over-reation, saying it indicated the tense atmosphere prevailing in Israel.

Meanwhile the military authorities prepared today for a two-stage partial withdrawal of Israeli forces from southern Lebanon due to begin tomorrow.

The Israeli invasion force which swept across the border three weeks ago is scheduled to withdraw between a mile and four miles in the first stage, and a further three to four miles in the second stage on Friday.

Areas evacuated by the Israelis will be policed by the United Nations peacekeeping force.

The Israeli pull-back will only be in the central sector of the occupied area. A complete withdrawal will only take place, the government says, when the United Nations force is up to its full strength and is capable of preventing Palestinian guerrillas returning to the area.

For the moment the United Nations is having difficulty in recruiting enough troops to bring the force up to the planned 4,000.

David Watts writes from Beirut: On the eve of Israel's initial withdrawal, Lebanon's state radio tonight renewed its criticism of the operation as outlined to the Beirut Government by Lieutenant-General Ensio Siilasvuo, Commander of United Nations forces in the Middle East.

General Siilasvuo met Brigadier, Victor Khoury, Commander of the Lebanese Army, today to give him details. However, the Israeli Government has announced withdrawal from a number of places it does not now occupy.

Tel Aviv has said that it will withdraw from areas east of the Christian-held town of Marajayoun, three miles north of the Israeli border town of Metullah.

Among the points the Israelis say they will leave are the Khardali Bridge, where United Nations troops have been in position for at least 10 days, and the village of Kawkaba, wrongly reported in Israel yesterday to have been handed over by a United Nations unit to the Palestinians.

Before he returned to Israel General Siilvasuo said that it would be up to the Lebanese Government to act should the Palestinians decide to reoccupy areas vacated by the Israelis.

'Shoot to kill' order in Beirut

From David Watts
Beirut, April 10

The Arab peacekeeping force tonight issued a "shoot to kill" order as fighting continued for the second night in succession in the south-east suburbs of Beirut.

The order said that any armed person would be shot on sight in the Chiyan-Ein Rummanieh area where fighting started on Sunday evening across the "green line" which separates Muslim and Christian areas.

There was intermittent sniping throughout the day which changed to continuous firing in the late afternoon with machine-gun and mortar fire.

Two people were reported killed during the day. The two deaths followed those of five people who were killed in the initial outbreak of fighting on Sunday which apparently started after a Christian militiaman was kidnapped and beaten up by Muslim militiamen.

The order from the Syrian-dominated peacekeeping force appeared to be a warning to the gunmen that the force is going to take a tough line with any provocations that could lead to a new round of sectarian killing in Beirut.

Vladimir Horowitz, the 73-year-old pianist, doing a high-kicking dance step with a friend, Mrs Sally Horwich, during a visit to New York's Studio 54 disco.

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Intelligence sources estimate that 3,000 insurgents, a quarter of their total military strength, now operate in the border region. Many are students and activists who fled from Bangkok after the October 1976 military coup.

They are thought to be responsible for the recent increase in the insurgents' aggression, which is said to spring from their impatience with the tactics of veteran Thai communist leaders who have achieved little in the past decade.

Bangkok, April 10.—Soldiers and police have been sent to guard two villages where at least 21 people were killed in raids by a combined force of Thai communist guerrillas and Cambodian soldiers in north-east Thailand.

Police said the 300 communist raiders killed 19 villagers in four hours of fighting in the Ban Kruat district of Buriram province, near Cambodia, yesterday.

At least two Khmer Rouge soldiers also died in the attack, the most serious launched by communist forces this year along the Cambodian border. The raiders retreated into Cambodian territory when Government troops, backed by aircraft, retaliated, police said.—Reuter.

Soldiers sent to riot areas in southern India

From Our Correspondent
Madras, April 10

Army units and armed police reinforcements have been sent to troubled areas to contain the violence spreading in Tamil Nadu State, in south-east India, since agitation started by farmers on April 7.

Five people were killed yesterday evening when police shot at 3,000 demonstrators in a clash at Vadasandur town near Madurai, and 29 policemen were injured in stoning by the mob. Two people were wounded this morning when police again opened fire, this time in a suburb of Dindigu.

The state's Finance Minister said today that his government was ready to discuss farmers' grievances but would not be cowed by violence.

The farmers are protesting against increases in power charges for irrigation.

Amin warning to ministers on coup plots

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, April 10

President Amin has warned his ministers and senior officials, including members of Uganda's Defence Council, not to think of trying to overthrow him.

Addressing a meeting of ministers, senior Army officers and other officials in Kampala today, according to Uganda radio, he told them that there had been a series of plans to overthrow his Government, but these had all failed. They should therefore think twice before making such plans with "colonial masters".

President Amin said he would soon reshuffle his Cabinet, filling some of the posts now vacant. He also attacked some ministers, whom he accused of regarding themselves as "supernatural".

President Amin accused Brigadier Moses Ali, the Finance Minister, of allowing his friends to buy new cars, while ignoring other requests. So many cars had gone to people in Kampala that the streets there were now overcrowded, while other parts of Uganda were short of transport. From now on, the minister would no longer have the power to decide who could buy a new car.

The President also attacked Mr M. K. Obura, the police commissioner, and Mr Ali Towili, the police director of training. These two could not agree, he said, and Mr Towili was "bringing confusion" in the police force. This was his "final warning", according to Uganda radio.

Woman refused exit visa tries to kill herself

Moscow, April 10.—An elderly woman who had tried four times to flee from the Soviet Union by air to join her son abroad apparently attempted to commit suicide today by drinking cleaning liquid outside a visa office. Doctors said she was in a "very serious" condition.

Western correspondents who were present said Mrs Antonina Agapova, aged 68, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs Lyudmila Agapova, aged 39, had their request to emigrate turned down.

The elderly woman, crying and near hysteria, went briefly into a toilet, where she apparently drank the cleaning liquid, the correspondents said.

Both women had tried four times during the last two months to rendezvous with a small aircraft near the Finnish border to escape and join Mr Valentin Agapov, a merchant seaman, who defected to Sweden in 1974.

Two years ago, Mrs Lyudmila Agapova stabbed herself in the chest after being refused permission to join her husband. She was placed in a psychiatric clinic for three weeks.

She was with her mother-in-law today at the offices of Ovir, which handles all Soviet emigration, in another attempt to leave legally. She said officials refused even to accept her documents.

Correspondents said the elderly woman was very upset on leaving the Ovir offices, muttering that she did not have long to live.

The correspondents said she was taken to a special clinic for poison cases. She works as a cleaner in the Moscow Metro.

In another incident today Moscow police detained the Russian wife of an American professor for two hours when she staged a demonstration against the refusal of the authorities to let her emigrate.

Mrs Irina McClellan, aged 39, was seized by eight policemen minutes after standing outside Moscow's Lenin Library holding placards saying: "I've waited four years for a visa" and "Let me out to my husband."

Mrs McClellan, who married Professor Woodford McClellan, of the University of Virginia, in 1974, told reporters that she was questioned by the KGB for over two hours at a police station before being allowed to leave.

She said she had been warned that if she repeated her act "measures would be taken".

"I told them that the next time I would set fire to myself in Red Square," she said.—UPI and Reuter.

Leningrad man sentenced to 15 years for treason

Moscow, April 10.—A Leningrad man has been sentenced to 15 years in a labour camp for treason after being found guilty of passing information to a foreign intelligence service, a court official said today.

The man, named as Leonid Lubman, aged 41, was convicted at a Leningrad trial which ended on March 18.

Mr Lubman, whose name suggests he is Jewish, was accused of passing classified information to an Italian woman, named only as Gabrielli, who was studying Russian at a Leningrad Institute.

According to Tass, the Italian woman was sent to the Soviet Union by NTS, an anti-Soviet Russian émigré organization.

Mr Lubman's reports were found on her during a customs check when she was leaving the country from Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport last August, Tass said.

It did not identify the foreign intelligence service, with which Mr Lubman allegedly established contact in December, 1976.

The reports he prepared for it contained classified information and recommendations for stepping up subversion against the Soviet Union through espionage, terror, sabotage and radio propaganda.

He also called for the destruction of the Soviet Union by every possible means.

Mr Lubman was apparently not known as a political dissident, although the charge against him was the same as the one said to be levelled at Anatoly Shcharansky, the Jewish activist, who was arrested over a year ago and is still awaiting trial.

Tass described Mr Lubman as a "renegade", a term often applied to dissidents by the Soviet media, and said he had begun by slandering the Soviet Union before committing treason.—Reuter.

Bhutto plea for delay

Islamabad, April 10.—Mr Bhutto, the former Prime Minister of Pakistan, who is under sentence of death has asked the Supreme Court to postpone hearing his appeal until after the court's summer vacation.

Cholera fear

Yokohama, Japan, April 10.—Health inspectors have found cholera germs in the upper reaches of the river which flows through this densely-populated city near Tokyo, the Health and Welfare Ministry said today.

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Police display two accused of attack on Canary rebel

Algiers, April 10.—Two Spaniards whom police say have admitted trying to assassinate Señor Antonio Cubillo, the Canary Islands separatist leader, on April 5 in Algiers were paraded before the press today at the city's police headquarters.

The two men, Juan Antonio Alfonso Gonzáles, also known as Luis Munoz Rodriguez, and José Luis Corté Rodriguez, were arrested here six hours after the knife attack on Señor Cubillo, leader of the Algiers-based independence movement MPAIAC. Police asked reporters not to speak to them.

The detained men were carrying Spanish passports recently issued in Madrid.

Police also produced a military identity card they said they found on Señor Gonzáles, which identified him as a member of the Spanish Paratroop Corps.

Señor Cubillo, speaking to reporters in hospital today, accused the Spanish opposition Socialist Workers' Party of working with the secret service to kill him. A newly-formed anti-Marxist group has claimed responsibility for the attempt on his life.—Agence France-Presse.

Somali quiet after coup attempt

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, April 10

The Somali capital, Mogadishu, was back to normal today after the brief weekend coup attempt in which a group of army officers and soldiers tried to overthrow President Siad Barre.

The authorities say the ringleaders have been arrested and will be tried. However, there are unconfirmed reports that some of those who supported the rebellion have not yet been apprehended.

So far the Somali Government has given no indication of the numbers involved in the fighting, or those under arrest. Nor is there any information on the numbers of casualties in the fighting, which lasted for about two hours yesterday.

Most of the shooting was on the outskirts of Mogadishu, on the road west towards the village of Afgoi. It is also reported that an attempt was made to take over a barracks in Mogadishu itself.

The coup attempt is still assumed to have arisen from the considerable discontent among some army personnel over President Barre's policies, particularly the Somali defeat in the Ogaden war with Ethiopia.

President Barre now appears to be fully in control of the situation. An Information Ministry spokesman in Mogadishu said today that messages of support for the socialist military government were pouring in from all parts of the country.

Cubans "poised": Up to 3,000 Cuban soldiers are poised to join an "imminent" offensive by Ethiopian Government troops against secessionist forces in the Red Sea province of Eritrea, a secessionist official said in Rome today.

In an interview with Ansa, the Italian news agency, Mr Ermias Debessay, of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), said that over the past five days Ethiopian aircraft had carried out intensive bombing raids on many villages held by the EPLF round the Eritrean capital of Asmara.

In addition to the 2,000 to 3,000 Cuban troops standing by in Eritrea, more Cuban personnel were expected to be moved from Addis Ababa to the Eritrean port of Massawa shortly, Mr Debessay said.—Agence France-Presse.

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Social Focus

The struggle to establish child medicine

The British Paediatric Association (BPA) is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary at its annual general meeting which opens today at York University. It may come as a surprise to many that the official body representing paediatrics in this country is still so young but Britain lagged behind other countries, notably Germany and the United States, in the development of the care of sick children as a speciality.

This delay resulted from the British system of medicine, before the National Health Service was formed in 1948. Consultants were unpaid for their hospital appointments and had to earn their living in private practice. Parents of young children comprised the age group least able to afford private treatment and specialists interested in the care of sick children had to combine this with the care of adults in order to make a living.

At the turn of the century there were only two full-time children's specialists in the United Kingdom: George Frederick Still (later the first paediatrician to be knighted) at King's College Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children in London, and John Thomson in Edinburgh. However, it was a Canadian—Donald Paterson—who was the driving force behind the formation of the BPA. Paterson had come to Britain shortly after the First World War and was familiar with the development of new schools of paediatrics in the United States as well as with the well organized American Pediatric Society. In the United Kingdom there were merely some five paediatric clubs, three in London, one in the provinces and one in Scotland, but no national body. Paterson set himself the task of remedying this defect.

Frederick Still required some persuasion that a British Paediatric Association was needed and even that the name was correct. At this time the word paediatrics was little known in this country, but he finally agreed once he was assured that it would be spelt with an "a" as its second letter. The word, derived from the Greek Παις —a child, is still not as well understood as it should be because the Americans spell it as "pediatrics", thereby causing confusion with words derived from the Latin for foot, such as pedicure.

Donald Paterson was elected as secretary with Still as president. The first annual general meeting was held on May 4 and 5, 1928, at the Old England Hotel, Windermere, on the recommendation of Paterson's friend James Spence—Newcastle's great paediatrician. Paterson was determined that the meetings should be held in peaceful surroundings rather than hospitals, a policy which has been steadfastly maintained. Windermere remained the annual meeting place until the association outgrew the available accommodation. There were 56 founder members, though not more than 10 were full-time paediatricians.

From the start of the association, papers presented at the annual general meeting were of an exceptionally high standard. No reading of papers was permitted and even speakers' notes were frowned on. All material had to be original and communications not longer than 10 minutes.

During and prior to the Second World War the emphasis in the care of sick children was on physical rather than emotional disorders. This failure to understand the emotional needs of young children led to the disastrous policy of evacuating large numbers of children from the big cities to the country away from their families. Children from the same family, including twins, were often sent to different homes.

A deputation from the BPA was received by the Minister of Health, Walter Elliott—himself a doctor—to put forward a scheme for the dispersal of paediatricians into the country in order to safeguard the health of these children. This was turned down on the grounds that unlike the children injured by bombing they were not war casualties. Child psychology was in its infancy and the concept that the break-up of family life was making a war casualty of many an evacuated child was far from being understood in ministerial circles. The consequences of this error continue in the behaviour problems seen in children today whose mothers, being evacuated when very young, were not given normal mothering. In hospital notes I record such children as "war casualties".

Donald Winnicott was foremost in emphasizing to paediatricians the importance of the emotional needs of children. He had been elected a member of the BPA in 1930 as consultant paediatrician at Paddington Green Children's Hospital and not because his interest lay in child psychology and psychiatry. This interest was to develop to full time practice as he continuously strove, against considerable opposition, to persuade paediatricians to look beyond physical sickness.

If Winnicott can be regarded as the father of child psychology in this country, Spence fathered the need to humanize hospital care. It was he who from a very early date emphasized the need for mothers to stay with their babies in hospital. The Mothers and Babies Hospital in Newcastle which he founded, exemplified the practical application of this principle by taking over adjacent houses which were knocked together and provided separate rooms for the mother and her baby in homely surroundings. I well remember meeting Spence in Cincinnatti in 1951 just after he had opened the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He found that this massive modern block failed to embody his view of the needs of mothers and children in hospital and wished he had not been party to its inception.

Women were not admitted to membership of the BPA until 1944 and with the end of the war in 1945 paediatrics were still a relatively insignificant subject in university circles although chairs of paediatrics were just beginning to be created. Paediatrics on a national scale burst with the arrival of the NHS in 1948. Now, for the first time, paediatricians could earn a living wage, independent of private practice. New posts were created in all the major cities and later in the major towns. These were filled by doctors demobilized from the forces who first had to pass the MRCP (Member of the Royal College of Physicians) in adult medicine and then undertake postgraduate training in paediatrics before applying for a consultant post in the NHS.

However, to the members of the public the subject was still new. In 1951 I was appointed to the Plymouth clinical area which comprised the adjacent halves of Devon and Cornwall—there was no other paediatrician in the two counties. *The Cornish Times* commented that a paediatrician had been appointed and that now the children's feet would be well cared for. On two separate occasions my wife was asked if the training for a child specialist was shorter than that for an adult specialist.

Other changes followed in quick succession: the importance of child health as opposed to sick children was one. Until the end of the war in 1945 many hospitals appointed junior consultants to work with outpatients and only the senior consultants had care of beds and no longer undertook work in outpatients. It is now realized that the outpatient consultation requires the greater skill. It is interesting that family involvement has changed so that more and more fathers come with their child whereas previously they were never seen in the outpatient department.

Paediatricians instead of obstetricians became responsible for the care of newborn babies who were now, for the first time, routinely examined at birth instead of only if they looked ill. In most areas paediatricians were able to form close relationships with the obstetricians who welcomed their help with the newborn babies, although in one city the new paediatrician found the staircase to the newborn nursery blocked by the incubator thrown out by the obstetrician. In this connexion it is interesting that one of the three clubs existing in London before the inception of the BPA was the Preposterous Club combining obstetricians (Pre) and paediatricians (post).

The postwar years have seen increasing emphasis on the understanding of normal development and the needs of the handicapped child. The pioneer in this area was Dr Mary Sheridan who died this year and made her impact from the Ministry of Health by combining her administrative role with meticulous clinical work.

At its meeting in York the BPA will be debating again how its influence on national and academic affairs can be increased. The role of the president has been strengthened by being elected for a three-year term instead of annually. The next question is whether to form a separate College of Paediatrics or to become a Faculty of the Royal College of Physicians. The results of a referendum on this will be announced at the York meeting.

Paediatrics as a specialty is now well established and much greater education of parents in the care of their children has taken place. At a time when the media are filled with items on child care it is interesting to note that this was so rare that in the minutes of the executive committee of the BPA in 1942 an article in *The Times* on children's health was "noted with pleasure".

Dr Hugh Jolly

Questions that must be answered before the parole system can be reformed

The parole system celebrates its tenth birthday this month with a question: can changes now being considered be introduced without altering its nature.

Statistically, the Parole Board has done better than at first seemed possible, though it remains cautious. Something over 47 per cent of those prisoners eligible for consideration last year are likely to have received parole, but some of those rejected may get it later. The comparable figure in the first year of operations was only 15 per cent.

Overall, the Home Office say, 40 per cent of those eligible for consideration never get parole. They include not only dangerous people, but those who do not wish to be considered for parole and others on short sentences for whom the period on parole would be only a few weeks.

Though the failures rightly make news as cause for concern, only about half of those recalled have committed offences while on parole. The rest have failed to keep in touch with a probation officer. Recall figures for last year are expected to be something over 8 per cent of those finally granted parole.

Though the failure rate is not considered to be excessive, some probation officers are concerned about the quality of supervision. There is a feeling that the public is being misled about it and that there should be more surveillance of a hard core of professional criminals released on parole or licence. Some of them are potentially violent. The probation officers who have come into the open about it worry whether they have the skills needed for such surveillance. One suggestion is that the police, or former policemen, should do it. But the police themselves are not keen on the idea.

Though there is talk of the need for an internal review of the system, the Home Office is unlikely to accept some of the more drastic reforms suggested. One is that a deliberately judicial method should be used to decide whether parole should be granted, with prisoners, or their representatives, being given the chance to argue their cases, as they would in court. That would amount to a form of sentencing in reverse.

The belief that the system removes too much power from the courts to the executive has led some to call for the abolition of parole altogether. If there is to be reform, the Home Office is more likely to favour something that can be done within the existing system. Of all the ideas suggested, one in particular is beginning to gather some momentum: that prisoners should be told why they are not being given parole. At present they are not given reasons.

On the face of it, the need for such a reform would seem obvious. Natural justice demands that it should be introduced. Speculation by prisoners about possible reasons causes much tension in already full prisons. The present bureaucratic fog increases frustration.

But would such a change alter the very nature of the parole system itself? Would it become more judicial? Undoubtedly, the change would give the prisoner more scope to challenge the parole decision. A spate of petitions to the Home Secretary would probably result.

Board officials say that a prisoner can already go to the civil courts to appeal against administrative decisions, though none has about a parole refusal, so the point remains obscure. Would it continue to be so, however, if the possibility of challenging decisions were increased? For parole remains a privilege and not a right in this country.

The argument in reply is that the decision to deprive a person of his or her liberty in the first place is quite rightly subject to much scrutiny. Justice has to be seen to be done. That reasons for locking someone away ought to be tested is accepted without question. A refusal to grant the privilege of parole has the effect of continuing that deprivation of liberty. On that score alone the decision should be open to testing, and only the giving of reasons would make that possible.

Moreover, the interests of the public are at stake. The testing of reasons would be an additional way of ensuring they were sound ones.

The worst feature of the present system is that prisoners have only a vague idea of what they have to do to make the granting of parole or, if they are lifers, a licence more possible. If they knew, they would have a greater incentive to change. One of the most corrosive features of the present prison crisis is the fading of faith, so strong in the Victorians, of the ability of prisons to reform. Giving reasons for refusal would help to provide clearer aims.

Would the giving of reasons be practicable though? The first part of an experiment to see has already been concluded: the classifying of the reasons under explicable, if somewhat bland, headings. Over the past 18 months, the Board has been able to do so with reasonable consistency. The next step is for local review committees of the Board to identify reasons in the same way. That is being tested this year in the case of five prisons. Ministers will then be in a position to decide whether to propose such a change, presumably after consultation with the staff organizations concerned.

For those concerned about the possibility of Myra Hindley or other notorious prisoners being released, the headings under which the reasons have been grouped may be of interest. One is: "Your crime was a very serious one; we are not prepared to release you yet." A second is: "Your crime was serious and deliberate and it is against the public interest to release you."

Others indicate that the Board also looks for signs of willingness to take advantage of medical treatment offered and of good behaviour in prisons. Could this favour, for example, those sex offenders who are prepared to take drugs curbing their abnormal drives?

Board officials say that it would not regard any of the drugs at present used as sufficiently reliable to make a difference to the decision, though a prisoner's willingness to accept treatment would be a point in his favour. Even if a prisoner satisfied all other criteria, he would not be released if it were thought in the public interest that his mental state made it unwise.

Another factor the Board takes into account is what a prisoner's home circumstances are like, though in practice that, by itself, is very seldom decisive. Besides, bad home circumstances cannot be cited as a reason for not giving a man the remission he may earn independently of parole. And even if home circumstances were bad, giving him parole or putting him on licence would help to ensure he was getting some sort of support outside. Bad home circumstances have to be faced by a prisoner at the end of a determinate sentence anyway.

Some question whether a prisoner could be told at all that his home circumstances did not look promising. What if he were living in blissful ignorance of the fact that his wife had gone off with the lodger or was not really willing to have him back?

In fact, prisoners get a prety clear idea already of the sort of support a wife is still prepared to give. There is even a phrase in the prison jargon for the sort of letter a man may get from a wife or girl friend ready to abandon him: it's known as a "Dear John."

In general, cocooning a prisoner paternalistically against reality is no way to prepare him for the outside world. Giving reasons would help him face it. But the reasons would have to be appropriate ones, they would have to be given in all cases or none at all, and staff would have to be involved more closely than at present.

What a prisoner is to be told, how he is to be told, and how he should be treated afterwards are questions that have to be answered before such a reform could be introduced.

Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

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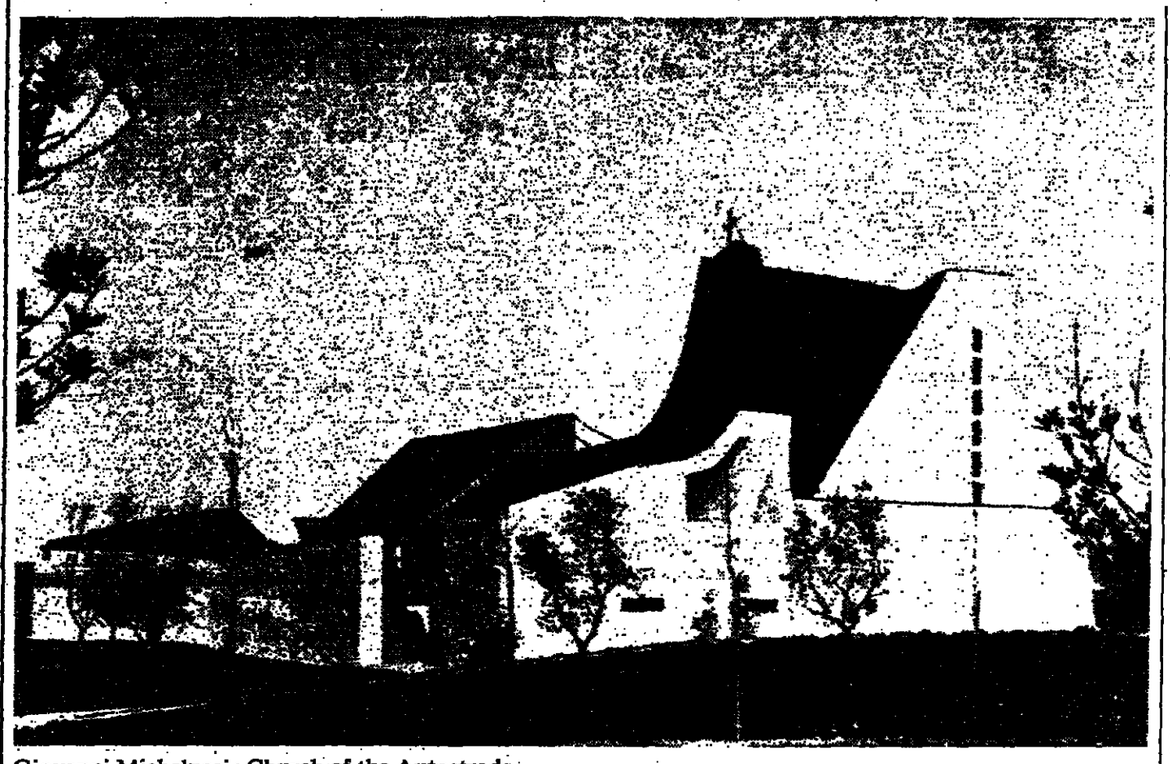
THE ARTS



Giovanni Michelucci: Church of the Autostrada

An obvious candidate for the Tate

The Scottish painter William Johnstone is 80. Although he lived and worked in London for many years and was Principal of both the Central and Camberwell schools of art, very little of his work has been seen here. That the Tate owns no works by this artist is a disgrace which ought to be immediately remedied. (In general the Tate's record of buying contemporary Scottish art is deplorable. It is supposed to be a collection of *British* and Modern art.)

A small but very well chosen exhibition of Johnstone's recent work is now on show at the Air Gallery (125-129, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2) until April 27. In the main gallery are large drawings in ink and wash on paper. Vigorously brushed like a Chinese character, these simple, almost automatic forms have a rightness not found in many artists who have worked in this way. Robert Motherwell, for instance, has produced some recent paintings in this style, but they lack the simplicity and sensitivity of Johnstone's best ink drawings. And by comparison much of the work of Franz Kline appears crude and obvious. As an interesting historical note, it is worth remembering that Johnstone was producing abstract expressionist paintings in the Thirties, long before any American artist.

In the small front gallery are a set of 20 lithographs published with poems by Johnstone's friend and admirer, Hugh MacDiarmid. Johnstone has concentrated into these lithographs a vital energy which perfectly complements the muscular sinews of MacDiarmid's syntax. Johnstone's work can be uneven, but all the works in this exhibition are extremely good. What is now necessary is that the Arts Council should give a proper retrospective to Scotland's finest living painter.

At the press conference for the opening of the new Sainsbury Centre at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, Sir Robert Sainsbury said that a friend had told him that the best thing in the collection which he and his wife have donated to the university is the building he had commissioned to house it. It is an elegant cool, steel, glass and aluminium structure: a vast single storey envelope of space which resembles an airship hangar or a modern industrial building. It is about as different as is possible from the sculptural concrete of Lasdun's earlier work for the university, which looks fine on a bright day from a distance but is drab and brutal to look at or live in under any other weather.

In several ways the building reminds one of Rogers's and Piano's Beaubourg Centre in Paris, which is not surprising, since Norman Foster, who is the architect of the Sainsbury Centre, was in partnership with Richard Rogers in the Sixties. Perhaps the most important similarity is the completely column-free interior which the method of construction allows. But whereas the Beaubourg building wears its innards draped along its outside, the Sainsbury Centre conceals them between an outer and inner skin, 8ft apart, as a result of which the building sits much more discreetly in its surroundings, respecting its semi-rural setting.

The building combines several functions in a single vast space. At one end is an area which can display both the whole of the permanent collection as well as temporary or touring shows. In the middle, under a mezzanine, are offices and teaching areas for the university's Fine Art school. At the other end is the senior common room and refectory which is also open to the public. The building is like an iceberg, and underneath and out of sight are kitchens, an enormous storage area for works of art, conservation rooms and so on. The dons are reportedly not too happy about their uninterrupted view across the wilder end of the campus through a gigantic wall of plate-glass against which a thousand student noses could someday be pressed. But it is certainly a pleasant place to eat, drink or relax in.

Divided up with screens which can be altered at will, the gallery space is flexible and sympathetic, although because of the vastness above, one's eye does keep drifting up to the advanced technology which criss-crosses the roof above; but painted in white and grey this is less obtrusive than in the Beaubourg Centre. Some of the objects in the collection are no bigger than a thumbnail, and it is a tribute to the architecture that it is possible to look at them within what could have been a dauntingly enormous space.

The collection is particularly rich in works from other cultures, and most of this is sculpture or carved objects from Africa, the Middle and Far East, and the Americas. The nineteenth- and twentieth-century collection is almost entirely sculpture or figurative paintings and drawings. As representative of modern art it is a narrow selection but shows a consistency of taste. The Sainsburys have bought the work of many artists who have drawn a good deal from the sculpture of distant cultures, among them Gaudier-Brzeska, Epstein, Moore and Picasso. Moore, Bacon and Giacometti are each represented by a group of works. The university already has an interesting small collection of abstract and constructivist art, furniture and architectural models. If this is to be moved to the Sainsbury Centre it should provide an instructive comparison between two important strands in twentieth-century art.

For the next four months the whole collection will be on display. Thereafter only a third will be on view at a time, but the complete collection will be viewable over a period of three years, corresponding with the average undergraduate's stay at the university. Members of the university enter free. There is a 25p admission charge for the general public.

Giovanni Michelucci's best-known building is the railway station in Florence, designed with a group of his pupils in 1933. After four and a half decades of use, it remains one of the most impressive architectural achievements of the period between the wars. What is even more remarkable is that it was designed and built in the middle years of Mussolini's Fascism. Its cool but sympathetic rationalism, and its respect for the history of the city and its traditional materials combined with an uncompromising modernism make a superb introduction for the tired traveller to the city whose physical form is dominated by the spirit of Filipo Brunelleschi.

Michelucci was not able to build as freely again under the increasingly oppressive cultural policy of Fascism in the Thirties. But after the war he produced a series of outstanding buildings which also combine complete modernity with an understanding and respect for history and their environment. Most of his work has been in his native Tuscany (he was born 88 years ago in Pistoia) and the most famous of his recent works is the Church of the Autostrada, near Florence. Many of his post-war buildings have been churches, which reminds one that railway stations are the great cathedrals of nineteenth- and twentieth-century architecture. Florence station still remains Michelucci's masterpiece and it is a pity that the small and well-displayed exhibition about his work at the RIBA's Heinz Gallery (21 Portman Square, W1) does not include photographs and plans of this fine building. (There are, however, three illustrations of it in the catalogue.) But the photographs of Michelucci's postwar designs are superb. The exhibition continues until May 20.

Paul Overy

A singer's bravery

Cotrubas/Parsons
Covent Garden

William Mann

Régine Crespin was due to have sung Sunday's recital at the Royal Opera House, but she was ill so Ileana Cotrubas (fortunately in residence on the outskirts of London) agreed to take her place. By the weekend Miss Corrubas was suffering from bronchitis, but the descendants of Dacius are tough and she gave her programme as planned, apologized afterwards for her throat, then sang two Romanian folk songs as an encore.

It was obvious, from the first group of songs by Glinka onwards, that the winsome, affecting, translucent soprano instrument was not in its accustomed shape. The breathiness, usually a tenuous, interesting haze amid a cloudless sky, was unwontedly pronounced; the splendid low register was sometimes precarious, and above it there were difficulties of articulation now and then. Those who already knew Miss Cotrubas's singing probably diagnosed indisposition before one verse of Glinka's "To Molly" was over, and not only forgave, but admired her bravery.

Admiration was in order because she exerted formidable artistry and technical expertise in order to conceal any indisposition, rather the more to convey the character and quality of each song. The tender and appealing melodic line of the Glinka/Pushkin "Where is our rose now?" suited her voice particularly, the Russian words clearly enunciated (helpful to those who recognize only a few words of that language). "Song of Travel" brought a contrast of animated patter, irresistibly charming.

She, and her pianistic partner, Geoffrey Parsons (who plays every song as if it were his own favourite, and cheerfully imitates Atlas when special support is needed) then turned to Fauré, deliciously light and whimsical in "Le papillon et la fleur" (the first song in the first of those glorious volumes), infinitely touching in the unforgettable sequence which ends "Au bord de l'eau".

Debussy's "En sourdine" was given with a sustained spaciousness, mystery and calm that reached delicately towards its last line, "le rossignol chantera" ("the nightingale will sing", a sentiment well understated by the composer).

They ended the programme with Britten's first song-set, *On this Island*, its florid passages sounding bravely secure, its careful phrasing loyally observed, the tenderness, urgency, and lastly jazzy resignation, keenly conveyed by both partners. Doubtless opera most fully extends Miss Cotrubas's artistry, but even in indifferent health she makes a delectable vocal recitalist, while Mr Parsons's pianism no more needs to be extolled than the lily or the home-made gingerbread.

Gabrieli Quartet
Wigmore Hall

Joan Chissell

With Kenneth Essex as guest artist, the Gabrieli String Quartet elected to spend the whole of their Wigmore Hall Master Concert on Saturday night with Mozart's string quintets. Despite the charge for the handbill, there were no programme notes to remind listeners that the first work in C minor, K406, was in fact the composer's own arrangement of an earlier wind Serenade (K388). This was followed by two of the four masterpieces of Mozart's last four years, the D major quintet, K593, of 1790, and the still better known G minor quintet, K516, of 1787.

The string quartets dedicated to Haydn only a year or two before are remarkable enough. Yet just as the much earlier Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola is in a world apart from the roughly contemporaneous concert for solo violin, so the double thread of burnished viola tone in the quintets seemed to deepen and intensify Mozart's thinking at a time when life's own pressures were acute. Couple all that with the key of G minor, and a miracle was inevitable. The slow movement of the D major quintet is also music that, once heard, is never forgotten.

For the large audience there was much to enjoy in the playing in so far as it went. Tempi were sympathetically chosen, and ensemble was generally good, with due care in balance for the textural variation Mozart elicited from the five instruments. But some of the music's urgency of motivation escaped this team, who too often seemed out to console rather than disturb us—not least the leader, with his friendly vibrato whatever the tune. Tauter rhythm and a wider range of dynamic contrast would have intensified expression at all times. And apart from the fact that many a sforzando was insufficiently stabbing, I felt that the players were not always reading between the lines enough through minutiae of phrasing such as the slur and the dot, for instance, in the opening of the G minor quintet.

Art in Religion
Fieldborne Galleries

William Gaunt

How far the present-day movement to bring religions closer together is reflected in the work of living artists is the theme of an unusual and carefully planned exhibition, *Art in Religion*, now on view at the Fieldborne Galleries, St John's Wood. The paintings, drawings and works of sculpture shown are by artists of several nationalities and different backgrounds, variously linked with the world's principal faiths, western and eastern.

A first impression of the choice made might be of differences more pronounced than likenesses. Traditions of style and approach are still strong even in the works of the younger artists represented. There is an obvious contrast between the conceptions of the Christian West with a long history of Bible illustration and the forms of abstraction that convey the meditative spirit of the East. One of Oskar Kokoschka's lithographs, *Saul and David*, a painting by Duncan Grant of the youthful Christ, *The Assumption of the Virgin* by Carel Weight, are at a far remove from the single sweep of the brush by which the Japanese painter, Shurin, sums up *The essence of Zen* or the mystically glowing symbols in which the Indian painter, Prafulla Mohanti, symbolizes creation.

In what way then, it may be asked, do these and the other artists in the present selection suggest a closer relation of religions? That they have something in common may be assumed from the way in which works so various in treatment come together without discord. The link is to be found in a basic quality of feeling and its sincere expression. The sense of wonder is vividly projected in Carel Weight's huge *Assumption* that makes a drab suburban street the setting of miracle. The imagination of a young sculptor, Tim Riley, gives a new intensity to a carving of the Nativity. Feeling is none the less present for being contained within the disciplined framework of Islamic patterns as elaborated by Keith Critchlow and Paul Marchant. There is much in addition to these examples to demonstrate a contained vitality in art with a religious inspiration.

The exhibition, which the organizers tell me took two years to prepare, continues until April 21.

London debuts

Hiroshi Tajika displayed a large technique but one that in the first half of his recital seemed to be directed exclusively towards speed and loudness. He apparently saw Brahms's Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel purely as a set of problems in piano playing, the subtle variety of this work's musical character having no reality for him. The result was cold, hard, unrelentingly aggressive, and matters were even worse in Rachmaninov's Sonata No. 2. As expected, Mr Tajika offered the revised, which is to say severely cut, version of 1931, which is greatly inferior to the now largely ignored original.

His tactics were the same as before, an athletic pursuit of speed and volume, but the effect seemed worse because of Rachmaninov's fuller textures. Many dynamic markings were ignored, there were frequent rhythmic inaccuracies, and, as with Brahms's Variations, anyone hearing this music for the first time would have gained an inaccurate, and diminished, impression of its stature and worth. Such demonstrative works face Mr Tajika with temptations he evidently cannot resist, and considerable violence was also done to some of Chopin's Preludes. However, discretion was shown in certain of the slower and quieter of these, and this afforded a welcome relief.

Helen Field's is an operatic rather than a recital voice, perhaps, and she gave a clear, ringing account of Lord Britten's "Let the Florid Music Praise" from *On this Island*. Her diction was good both here and in some Haydn Canzonets, and three brief Bellini songs were full-toned and well-shaped, especially "Malinconia Ninfa gentile". *Two Madonna Songs* by Morfydd Llwyn Owen, a composer with whose work I must confess unfamiliarity, were ardent in manner yet nondescript in style. Rodrigo's *Cuatro Madrigales Amatorias* sounded warm, sensuous, altogether more positive, and Miss Field, with excellent accompaniment from Ingrid Surgenor, gave nice clear performances. Her soprano tone was generally firm and well defined, if less so in the upper register—as during "Vos me metasteis", and the exhilaration of "De los alamos vengo madre" was put over well.

Max Harrison

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Poole of pleasures

Dorset is not exactly one of the mainstays of Wardour Street. For some time Poole has had no commercial cinema; nor have two of the county's other major towns, Weymouth and Swanage. The situation will be partially rectified in Poole when a 150-seat auditorium opens later this month.

It is part of Poole's new arts centre which has now been in business just over a week. The Ashley Cinema will take commercial releases during normal screening hours and cater for cineastes through late-night shows. This careful blend of the commercial and the cultural is clear in the programming for the whole centre.

Most of the £4.5m for the structure has been provided by the local council, who have placed it right in the centre of the town. The aim, as at the National Theatre, is to keep the public flowing through during the day by means of restaurants (two), bars (two) and a coffee shop. The bars are not yet on full stream because the present licence does not permit opening earlier than 30 minutes before a function for which admission is charged. This is the result, I am assured, of an objection by the licensed victuallers' association; but the arts centre surely only has to step up the number of events to overcome a curmudgeonly restriction.

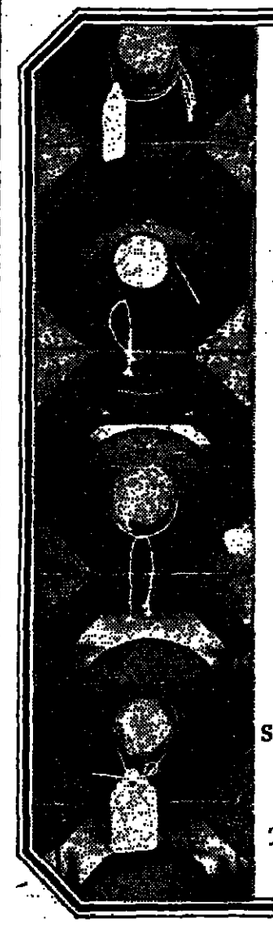
The only obstacle is that the calendar is already fairly full. In the Wessex Hall, where the 1,500 seats tuck away under the floor to turn the auditorium into an open space for dancing or accommodate 2,000 standing customers for a pop concert, a Rita Hunter recital next month is flanked on one side by the Salvation Army and the Steve Hillage Band on the other. The LSO under Claudio Abbado follow later to restore the balance. Behind the Wessex are the administrative offices and rehearsal rooms for the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and the Bournemouth Sinfonietta. They have not yet taken on Poole's name, but perhaps one day they might.

The Towngate Theatre is half the size of the Wessex and includes an orchestra pit. One-time patrons of Collins or the Granville, Walham Green, who have been wondering what has happened to Sandy Powell, Leslie Sarony and Roby Murray will find the answer this week at the Towngate. Probably a rather different audience will turn out for Ballet Rambert later in the month performing the Bruce/Kemp *Cruel Garden*. The programme devisers can hardly be accused of having blinkered vision.

The theatre has been inaugurated by Kent Opera, who, following their tradition, insisted on having their orchestra on full view. So the Towngate's pit was covered over and the first few rows of the well-raked auditorium removed. To judge from their performance of *Eugene Onegin* there are one or two acoustical problems, notably a slight echo audible in certain seats, to be sorted out. But the theatre fits neatly around Jonathan Miller's production.

Miller's staging makes the point that *Onegin* is about the wounders and the wounded. Lensky from the start is one of life's victims; it comes out in Brian Burrows's well characterized interpretation through a series of small, clumsy gestures from the constant mopping of the brow to the nervous cleaning of his spectacles. Onegin, in a richly sung and sardonic performance from Peter Knapp, picks up those same glasses in a contemptuous gesture at the end of the duel: Lensky could never have won. Tatyana is another sufferer until the final scene when she repays Onegin in his own coin. But the victory is hollow, as Jill Gomez indicated in another characterization that had obviously been thought through and through. There were some weaknesses among the supporting singers, but none in Jonathan Hinden's rhythmic and committed conducting. William Mann was enthusiastic about Kent Opera's *Onegin* when it was first heard last autumn. The pleasure is shared.

John Higgins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SPORT

Cricket

Knott goes for the good of his county

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

Unless something happens to make Kent change their minds about not offering their four Packer players a contract after this coming season, Alan Knott has played his last game for the county. In a joint statement, issued yesterday by the club and the player, it was said that the two had agreed that it was in "the best interests of Kent cricket" for Knott not to play for them in 1978.

As so often, the words tell only a part of the story. What Knott had hoped for, I think before ever Kent decided to be finished with him, Underwood, Asif and Woolmer after this year, was to take a "sabbatical" in 1978 and to return to play in England in 1979. This would have allowed Paul Downton, Knott's heir apparent, an early opportunity of improving his game and given Knott himself the chance of steering clear of the tax collector. For some time there has been talk of his going to coach in The Netherlands this summer and spending in England only the statutory number of days allowed to a tax exile.

If this is the end of Knott's career in England it is a sad day. When he signed for Mr Packer just about a year ago he must have known that he was jeopardising his chances of ever playing for England again. His contract, after all, gives Mr Packer first call on his services for three years. Even so, that he may no longer be seen playing for Kent is a real deprivation.

First came Ames, then Evans and then Knott—cricketers all three, with a flair that was not confined to their wicketkeeping. Some of Knott's innings for Kent were no less brilliant than his diving catches. Although his record might not suggest it—in 1974, for example, he scored only 91 runs in his 14 championship innings for Kent—his genius for the game—and I use the word advisedly—was sometimes more evident with the bat than with the gloves. When, at times he got his eye in, not even Lillee and Thomson at their fastest could contain him. The affrontery of some of his batting could be breathtaking.

Now, at the age of 32, he is probably gone for good from Kent—caught up in the Packer net. If so he has done well by Kent and English cricket. He has had a fat tax free benefit and a happy life, and become famous and set up a business and been feted round the world. In India 18 months ago he told me that he had had just about enough of it—at any rate of the wicketkeeping. He had visions then, I think of playing out his days as a county batsman. A fitness fanatic, with a look of Mr Punch and a mischievous twinkle and a great wicketkeeping record, especially for England, he will be much missed.

Knott : visions of playing out his days as a county batsman.

No defection : Pakistan's cricket board said yesterday in Lahore it had no evidence that Javed Miandad and Haroon Rashid had signed for World Cricket Series and the two batsmen were still included in Pakistans' team to tour England (Reuter reports).

No rift : Yorkshire's Geoffrey Boycott yesterday dismissed suggestions that differences existed between himself and Michael Brearley as a result of the recent MCC tour in which Boycott succeeded Brearley as England captain (the Press Association reports). "I enjoyed my spell as acting captain", Boycott said "and so far as I am concerned there is no question of any controversy between Mike Brearley and myself".

Arthur Robinson missed practice yesterday because of shoulder trouble and there is a fear that Arnold Sidebottom, who has a fractured elbow could miss the whole season.

Football

Sibley takes heart from slide of Wolves into relegation zone

Nottingham Forest's captain John McGovern, out of action for over a month with a groin strain, came safely through a reserve game on Saturday and looks likely to return for tonight's league game at Manchester City. Victory would take Forest to within a couple of points of clinching the championship, but their manager Brian Clough yesterday shrugged off suggestions that his target was now to win by a record points total.

"As long as we take the title I don't care how many points separate us from the rest of the chasing pack. It wouldn't matter to me if we won the league on goal difference. The main thing is to bring the championship to Nottingham. Manchester City are a good side. We have taken two points from them already this season and beaten them in the FA Cup, but that counts for nothing on the night. They want a place in Europe and we need to clinch victory to keep one step ahead of Everton".

Kidd returns to the Manchester City side. Kidd missed two games after injuring his spine when he crashed into a goalpost against Middlesbrough at Maine Road on the Saturday before Easter.

His replacement, Palmer, scored three goals in two outings. Palmer or Power will be substitute.

Givens, recovered from the ankle injury which has kept him out of Queen's Park Rangers' last three games, returns for the home game against Arsenal. Perkins will have a late test on an ankle injury and Cunningham is fit to resume. Arsenal are unchanged.

Rangers' manager, Frank Sibley, yesterday dismissed suggestions that Stan Bowles's weekend outburst might upset the team. "The other players know Stan; They know he blows off steam like this at times. They will just keep doing their best to win so that the situation does not arise."

Mr Sibley sees Wolverhampton Wanderers' dramatic slide into the relegation zones as a sign of hope.

"Wolves are going to find it extra difficult because the relegation situation has only just come upon them," he says.

"Teams like ourselves and West Ham have tuned ourselves to the special needs of the situation. When you are in mid-table you are relaxed and confident, you perhaps play even more freely than if you are near the top. Then you suddenly find you are in a position where effort is more important than skill. You have really got to work hard for everything and getting to grips with that sort of change is not easy." The bottom positions are:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham	38	10	8	20	47	63	28
Wolves	37	9	10	18	43	60	28
QPR	35	6	13	16	39	58	25
Newcastle	36	6	9	21	39	64	21
Leicester	38	4	13	23	21	50	20

Wolves have lost their last five games, while Rangers have collected three points in the same period and West Ham eight. With Leicester City and Newcastle United apparently doomed, the final relegation place seems to be between Wolves and the two London clubs, all of whom have difficult programmes.

These are the remaining games for the bottom clubs:

LEICESTER: Birmingham (h) April 15; Derby (a) April 22; Chelsea (h) April 26; Newcastle (h) April 29.
NEWCASTLE: West Brom (a) April 12; Arsenal (a) April 15; Aston Villa (a) April 17; Queen's Park Rangers (h) April 22; Norwich (h) April 26; Leicester (a) April 29.
QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: Arsenal (h) April 11; Coventry (h) April 15; Nottm Forest (a) April 18; Newcastle (a) April 22; Birmingham (h) April 25; Leeds (h) April 29; Chelsea (a) May 2.
WOLVES: Middlesbrough (h) April 15; Chelsea (a) April 22; Manchester Utd (h) April 29; Aston Villa (h) May 2; Ipswich (a) May 9.
WEST HAM: Derby (h) April 15; Manchester Utd (a) April 22; Middlesbrough (a) April 25; Liverpool (h) April 29.

Notes of optimism struck for Borussia

Mönchengladbach, West Germany, April 10.—Borussia Mönchengladbach of West Germany will start outsiders in their European Cup semi-final round second leg match against Liverpool at Anfield on Wednesday night, the team coach Udo Lattek said today. Mr Lattek said that Gladbach had no intention of relying solely on defence to maintain the 2—1 lead they gained in the first leg in Düsseldorf 12 days ago. "We must try to go on the offensive. That's the only way we'll get on top of the English champions", he commented.

The sentiments of the Borussia coach were echoed by England's midfield player Kevin Keegan, a member of the Liverpool side which won the European Cup last season but who now plays for Hamburg in the West German first division. "If Gladbach go out at Anfield to defend, they're out before they start. Their chance lies only in staging counter-attacks. But I'm still convinced Liverpool will reach the final", Keegan said.

However, notes of optimism were struck by Helmut Schön and the former Borussia and Barcelona coach Hennes Weisweiler, now manager of first division leaders Cologne. "Borussia have a good defence, and Jupp Heynckes is a striker who is always good for a goal. If he steals one on Wednesday Liverpool will have to score three times and even they don't do that every day", Mr Weisweiler said.

Heighway, returns to the Liverpool team after resting an injured ankle on Saturday. He takes over from Johnson who injured a knee on Saturday, and the substitutes will come from Callaghan, Fairclough, Hansen, Jones and Lee.

Liverpool's hopes were given a further list when it was learnt that Simonsen would miss Wednesday's match. Simonsen, European Footballer of the Year, has still not recovered from a leg strain, which kept him out of the first leg in Düsseldorf. Borussia may also be without the midfield skills of Wimmer who has an achilles tendon injury.

Comeback by Moore : At 37, Bobby Moore, England's former captain, made the front pages and caught the headlines in Copenhagen yesterday after playing his first match for a third division team Herning. The Jutland team lost 0—1 at home to Holstebro, but nobody blamed Moore, AP reports. "Moore confirmed he is in a class of his own", the headline said in *Jyllands-Posten*, while Copenhagen's tabloid *BT* declared that "Moore was worth his weight in gold".

Moore, captain of the team that won the World Cup in 1966 when England beat West Germany at Wembley, was the first foreign player of repute to join a Danish club after the Danish Football Association broke away from amateurism to introduce paid football at the start of this season. Three Scottish players have been signed by Svendborg, also a third division side. Officially, Moore's pay is a secret. Unofficially, he was reported to have gone back to London on Sunday night with a cheque worth more than $1,000 for his first match. Depending on how many matches he plays, and how many his new team manage to win, he could gross up to $30,000 for the season, unofficial sources said.

Moore's name alone brought a crowd of 4,000, or about twice the normal size at Herning. In Sunday's match Moore made up for his lack of speed as he performed his usual role as sweeper with authority, but his calm nerve and tactical skill was more sorely needed in midfield. The manager said that may come later.—Reuter.

O'Brien out

Ray O'Brien has been ruled out of the Republic of Ireland pool to face Poland tomorrow. The Notts County full back sustained a thigh injury against Millwall at the weekend.

Hill : transfer fee agreed but deal not yet complet[ed]

Derby County waiting [for] their chairman's word

By Gerald Richmond

Although the respective managers of Derby County and Manchester United have agreed upon a fee of £250,000 for English international wing forward Gordon Hill, the transfer deal was not completed yesterday. The key figure would seem to be Derby's chairman George Hardy, for it is he who will have to authorize the spending of the money to take Hill to Derby.

The recent history of the club has been studded with disasters, both on and off the field, and Derby are still feeling the effect of fees in excess of £300,000 which were paid for James and Hales. Neither player remains with the club for they were early victims in the typically hectic process of change being carried out by Tommy Doherty when he arrived at Derby in September and the joint loss is considerable.

Ever since Brian Clough took Derby to realms of success which had perviously been a long way beyond their compass, the club have been big spenders but, whereas Mr Clough always balanced his books, there was a period, before Mr Doherty took over, in which their assets took a sharp slide downwards.

Mr Doherty saw his immediate task as being to keep Derby in the first division and the yare now, in fact, confirmed, safe. The holding operation having been completed, he is now keen to build the kind of team he created at Old Trafford before the was dismissed by Manchester United during the summer.

Mr Doherty signed [Hill from] Millwall for £70,000 in 1975, and is attracted [by the fact] that he produces a re[gular sup]ply of goals from the [wing].

The term mercurial [has] been coined for Hill, [who can] be brilliant or exaspe[rating]. He was United's lead[ing scorer] last season and is ag[ain at the] moment. The fact that [United] is so ready to release [him suggests] that United, too, are [in the pro]cess of rebuilding. [Since they] won the FA Cup last [season they] seemed to be on the [threshold] of great days, yet the[y have had] an uneasy winter for [which] they have have spen[t heavily] on Jordan and McQue[en without] any immediate [improvement] being effected.

A third club could [enter the] negotiations, for Birmi[ngham] are waiting in the w[ings should] Derby fail to secure Hi[ll].

Jim Smith, Birming[ham's] manager, has brough[t about an] immediate revival, bu[t he is] aware of the need for [...] and like his co[unterpart at] Derby, sees Hill as [a player to] attract support.

Webster moves

Ron Webster, who [holds the] record 535 appearance[s for Derby] County, is to end [his playing] career with the club [...] who signed for Derby [...] is to join a Nort[h American] League club, Minne[sota Kicks,] this week, but will r[eturn to the] Baseball Ground to c[oach the] youth team next seas[on].

Badminton

Mrs Underwood over a problem

By Richard Streeton

Scotland were unable to thwart the determined West German players in the tie which decided Group 2 yesterday when the team event continued at the European badminton championships in Preston. West Germany won 4—1 for the right to play either Swden or The Netherlands today for promotion to the top group for the 1980 event.

Ireland beat Wales 4—1 to win Group 3, and now meet the Soviet Union. Today's other promotion and relegation play-offs involve Austria, who finished last in Group 3, and Belgium, who Group 4. The championships, which are sponsored by Friends' Provident Life Office, switch to the struggles for the five individual titles tomorrow.

The Scots have not yet found Bob McCoig's succeshor either in talent or as a character, while the game in Germany is probably on the upgrade. Pamela Hamilton and Tony Dawson lost their singles. Dawson, a 26-pear-old solicitor, fought hard against Michael Schnaase. He shared some fine rallies and saved five match points before the end, but never held the initiative for long, and was beaten 15—4, 15—8.

Ireland's winners against Wales included Diane Underwood, who earlier this season was ranked number seven in England, and was a member of England's Uber Cup party. Mrs Underwood was born and lives in Birmingham, but has dual nationality through her Irish father. She decided in February she would stand a better chance of representative play with Ireland.

Though without the injured John Scott, all three of Ireland's doubles pairs again won. The only defeat came in the men's singles in which William Thompson was beaten 4—15, 17—16, 15—8 by Yim Chong Lim, a 21-year-old Malaysian student at the University of Wales. Lim was 1—8 behind in the third game before he staged a fighting recovery.

GROUP TWO: West Germany 4, Scotland 1 (Scotland names first): A. Dawson lost to M. Schnaase 4—15, 8—15; P. Hamilton lost to E. Zwiebler 9—12, 0—11; W. Gilliland and F. Gow beat R. Maywald and K-H. Zwiebler 15—5, 15—8; J. Flockhart and C. Stewart lost to M. Zizmann and V. Martini 10—15, 15—1, 3—15; Gilliland and Flockhart lost to Maywald and Zizmann 15—5, 9—15, 11—15.

	P	W	F	A
W Germany	2	2	5	5
Scotland	3	2	9	6
Wales	3	1	7	8

GROUP THREE: Wales 5, Austria 0 (Wales names first). Y. Lim beat G. Hofogger 15—6, 15—9; S. Brimble beat E. Wiettschwig 11—6, 7—11, 11—6; Lim and B. Jones beat H. Baltz and E. Stingl 18—15, 15—6; Brimble and L. Blake beat Wiettschwig and B. Reichmann 8—15, 15—11, 15—11. Jones and A. Dickson beat Hofogger and Reichmann 15—7, 15—10: Ireland 4, Wales 1 (Ireland first): W. Thompson lost to Y. Lim, 15—4, 16—17, 8—15; D. Underwood beat S. Brimble 11—5, 5—11, 11—8; F. Evans and Thompson beat Lim and B. Jones 15—5, 15—9; D. Cunningham and B. Beckett beat Brimble and L. Blake 15—10, 15—5; Evans and Cunningham beat Jones and A. Dickson 15—11, 15—3. Norway 4, Austria 1.

	P	W	F	A
Ireland	3	3	13	2
Norway	3	2	9	6
Wales	3	1	7	8
Austria	3	0	1	14

GROUP FOUR: Belgium 5, Portugal 0; Switzerland 5, Italy 0; Belgium 3, Switzerland 2.

Francis has permission to play for Minnesota Kicks

Trevor Francis, Birmingham City's England striker will earn £40,000 for playing about 20 matches on loan to North American club, Minnesota Kicks, during the summer. The Birmingham directors have given Francis permission to join the American club whose president is Freddie Goodwin, a former manager at St Andrew's.

Francis will leave after Birmingham's last match of the season against the leaders Nottingham Forest at the City ground on April 29. The Birmingham manager, Jim Smith said: "Trevor was given the green light to play in America this summer. There were no ifs or buts or any provisos about him returning in time for the start of our season. My only provision is that he remains a Birmingham City player and that to me is a happy condition because I am sure he will be more than contented."

Goodwin moved in with an offer of £600,000 for Francis when the striker said he wanted to leave Birmingham in February. After this was turned down he came back with a loan offer.

Birmingham's decision will bring relief to their supporters. Before Mr Smith joined them seven matches ago, Francis indicated that he was unhappy and was put on the transfer list. Under Mr Smith, Birmingham have been unbeaten and Francis has scored 10 goals in his last 10 games.

League accept Coventry explanation

Controversy surrounding the first division relegation issue last season involving Coventry City, Bristol City, and Sunderland has ended.

There were complaints after Coventry's final game with Bristol City, which kicked off late and ended in a 2-2 draw which meant that both clubs avoided relegation. On the same night Sunderland lost at Everton and were relegated.

The League Management committee yesterday accepted assurances, in a letter from Coventry, that the late kick-off had not been manipulated so that the result of Sunderland's game would be known by Coventry or Bristol City before the end of their match. In the letter to the league, Coventry's secretary Eddie Plumley stated: "I am writing to reiterate that nothing of a premeditated nature occurred which could justifiably be construed as unfair tactics

Edwards reengaged

Bradford City, who dismissed Bryan Edwards as team manager in January 1975, have reengaged him as general manager. He will take over the post at the end of the season.

Crowd pullers

Tiverton women's football team were watched by crowds averaging 50,000 during their four-week tour of India, which has just finished. Their biggest gate was at Ranchi where 100,000 people watched them.

NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE: Tampa Bay Rowdies 2, New England Tea Men 1; Washington Diplomats 1, Chicago Sting 0; Detroit Express 2, Fort Lauderdale Strikers 1; New York Cosmos 1, Los Angeles Aztecs 0; California Surf 1, San Jose Earthquakes 0; Vancouver Whitecaps 3, Seattle Sounders 0.

Today's football

FIRST DIVISION: Birmingham City v Ipswich Town (7.45); Manchester City v Nottingham Forest (7.30); Middlesbrough v Coventry City (7.30); Queen's Park Rangers v Arsenal (7.30).
SECOND DIVISION: Hull City v Southampton (7.30).
THIRD DIVISION: Carlisle United v Hereford United (7.30); Peterborough United v Chesterfield (7.30); Plymouth Argyle v Rotherham United (7.30); Port Vale v Wrexham (7.30); Swindon Town v Walsall (7.30); Tranmere Rovers v Gillingham (7.30).
FOURTH DIVISION: Barnsley v Swansea City (7.30); Crewe Alexandra v Southport (7.30); Doncaster Rovers v Aldershot (7.30); Grimsby Town v Watford (7.30); Hartlepool v Northampton Town (7.15); Huddersfield Town v York City (7.30).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Dartford v Hastings (7.30); Gravesend v Minehead (7.30); Redditch v Hillingdon (7.30); Wealdstone v Yeovil (7.30). North: Banbury v Tamworth (7.30); Barry v Cambridge City; Bromsgrove v Bedworth (7.30); Merthyr Tydfil v Kidderminster; Milton Keynes v Corby (7.30); Witney Town v Bridgend (7.30). South: Bognor Regis v Hounslow (7.30); Crawley v Dorchester (7.30); Trowbridge v Basingstoke (7.30).
NORTHERN PREMIER [LEAGUE] CUP: Semi-final—First [leg]: Matlock (7.30). League: [...] v Lancaster (7.30); [Mor]ecambe (7.30); Nether[field v] Athletic (7.30); Sth [Liverpool v] Harwood (7.30); Staf[ford v] Scarborough (7.30).
DICK GUY TESTIMO[NIAL: ...]don v Cholsea (7.30).
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: [...]sion (7.30); Boreham W[ood v ...] Leatherhead v Barking; E[...] Enfield; Walthamstow Av[enue v ...] Town; Woking v Hend[on ...] Wanderers v Dagenham[...]sion: Chesham United v [...]ian Casuals v Wokingham [...] Town v Maidenhead Unit[ed ...] Parkeston v Bromley; Hito[...] St Albans City v Clapton [...]sion: Camberley Town [...] United: Cheshunt v [...] Epping Town v Leath[...] City; Hemel Hempstead [...] Town; Worthing v Wilke[...]
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: [...] Ruislip Manor (6.0); Cha[...] v Marlow (6.0); Baring [...] Billericay Town (7.30); [...] Town (7.30).
RUGBY LEAGUE: [...] Dewsbury v Feathers[tone ...] (7.30); Hull v Leeds. [...] division: Halifax v Batley.

Rugby Union

Player Cup final may beat record

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

It seems certain that when Gloucester meet Leicester in the John Player Cup final at Twickenham on Saturday the attendance will comfortably eclipse the previous record for the last round of the knockout competition—11,500, in 1973, when Coventry beat Bristol.

Gloucester expect to muster at least 5,000 of their own supporters and Leicester are optimistic that more than half as many will be making the journey on their behalf. Three BR "specials" will be coming up from Gloucester and, with a total of perhaps 70 coaches due on the road from the West Country, the club say they have now to look outside their own area for transport of this kind.

At least two London first-class clubs, London Welsh and Richmond, will be starting their matches—against Harlequins and Nottingham—at 12.30 in order that their players and supporters can move on to the Twickenham final, which will kick off at 3.30. As an attractive *hors d'oeuvres* to the knockout feast, there will be a three-cornered 16 group sevens tournament, beginning at 1.30 and involving England, Scotland and Ireland. All in all, the RFU are hopeful that the crowd for the final will be in excess of 15,000.

Both teams in the final, and especially Leicester, were strongly represented at a press conference hosted by John Player in London yesterday. Also present was Malcolm Young, captain of Gosforth, who lost their hold on the Cup when Gloucester beat them this year—and with it the opportunity of a record three wins in a row and a promise from the sponsors that they might then make the handsome trophy their own.

"Whoever win the forward battle", he predicted, "will be 90 per cent on the road to winning the game. It will be hard going at the start. The final is a pressure occasion, and it may be a matter of who makes the mistakes." Beyond that he was not prepared to go.

John Watkins, the Gloucester captain, echoed Young's thoughts and added the interesting observation that one of the attributes of his side was an ability to win games even when playing indifferently. Brian Hall, the Leicester captain and centre, thought the game would be entertaining as well as hard, which no doubt confirmed private hopes that his side would be able to make profitable use of their flexible back division.

Hall has not played since he injured his rib cage in the quarter-final round against Northampton, but he has been training for the past fortnight. He remains hopeful of being fit and says that, if selected, he will get in a game some time this week. Leicester have a number of injury worries, notably to Bleddyn Jones their stand-off half, who also has trouble with his ribs, but the captain said he thought that all would be happily resolved by the time they chose their side after training tomorrow evening.

Richard Mogg, the Gloucester left wing who missed last Saturday's game with influenza, has been passed fit for the final, which means that Gloucester have a clean bill of health.

Tennis

Women to get £7,000 extra for Bournemouth event

Prize money for the British hard court tennis championships at Bournemouth from September 18-25 has been increased by another £7,000—all for the women players. There will now be £10,000 in women's prize money, with £2,000 going to the singles winner.

Peter John, the Lawn Tennis Association secretary, said that the extra money would come from the championship accounts and not directly from the Inchcape Group of companies, who are sponsoring the event for the first time. "We hope that this extra money will attract many of Europe's leading women players to take part in the tournament", Mr John said.

The championships, after missing last year through lack of a sponsor, were reintroduced into the fixture list when Inchcape agreed to put up nearly £30,000 for a men's Grand Prix and to make a contribution towards the promotional costs. Only £3,000 was at first available for the women's events, but the increase in prize money should bring a much stronger entry.

For the first time in Britain the championships will follow an American tournament custom of supporting a charity. Twenty per cent of ticket sales will go to the Royal National Life-boat Institution, who can expect about £5,000 as their share of the proceeds.

Evonne Cawley plans to enter the Surrey Championships at Surbiton for the first time since 1970—the year before she won the Wimbledon title. Mrs Cawley has confirmed that she will enter both the singles and doubles events at Surbiton (May 29-June 3) as part of her preparation for this year's Wimbledon, which opens three weeks later.

Richey takes over with serve and volley game

Johannesburg, April 10.—Cliff Richey of the United States won the South African open tennis tournament, sponsored by Peugot, by beating his Rhodesian opponent, Colin Dowdeswell, 6—2, 6—4 in the final and winning the $14,000 prize.

Richey took 62 minutes to beat Dowdeswell, who showed little of the sparkle, the clean, hard serving or the expert volleying that last week secured his victory over the first seed, Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina. It was Richey who played the serve and volley game, which first unsettled, then unnerved and finally conquered Dowdeswell.

Dowdeswell dropped his service in the first game of the second set and, with Richey holding his, the American took a 2—0 lead. After Dowdeswell had made it 2—1, there came the longest game of the final, which went to three duces. Richey hotly disputed a line call in his opponent's favour, but it was of little consequence because Richey held his service for 3—1.

Volleying crisply twice, the Rhodesian broke back for 2—4 and then held service to make it 4—3. But then he weakly netted a volley that gave Richey a lead of 5—3.

Dowdeswell twice volleyed for points that saw him hold service for 4—5. But Richey came back strongly to finish the match.

In Monaco, Ken Rosewall of Australia went out in three sets to Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia in the first round of the Monte Carlo International Clay Court tennis championships. The seventh seed Richard Stockton of the United States lost to Australia's unseeded Kim Warwick in another match of three sets.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: W. Fibak (Poland) beat P. Hutka (Czechoslovakia), 6—4, 6—1; T. Smid (Czechoslovakia) beat R. Rosewall (Australia), 5—6, 6—3, 6—0; P. Bertolucci (Italy) beat T. Moore (US), 6—3, 6—2; K. Warwick (Australia) beat R. Stockton (US), 4—6, 6—2, 6—0; A. Panatta (Italy) beat J. Lloyd (GB), 6—3, 6—4; V. Pecci (Paraguay) beat F. Jauffret (France), 3—6, 6—3, 6—2.—Agencies.

Boxing

Conteh signs for record sum to meet Parlov

John Conteh signed contracts in a London hotel with the promoter Rudolfo Sabbelini yesterday for a championship bout against the WBC's world light-heavyweight champion, Mate Parlov, in Belgrade, on June 17. Conteh receives $203,750—a world record for a light heavyweight challenger.

Michael Barrett has won the right to stage the contest for the vacant British heavyweight championship between Billy Aird and John L. Gardner. His purse offer was the best of three opened at the offices of the British Board in London. It is possible, however, that the bout will not go on until October. Aird has a heavy cold and will not be fit for Mr Barrett's next show at the Albert Hall on April 25.

The Albert Hall bill will be headed by two British champions Jimmy Batten and Charlie Magri. Magri, the flyweight title holder, takes on Manuel Carrasco, of Spain, over eight rounds, Carrasco is reputed to have won 14 out of his 15 bouts, including a victory against the Spanish champion. Batten, the light-middleweight champion, faces a Frenchman, George Warussel, over 10 rounds.

Golf

Player the master who is still learning

From Christopher Plumridge
Augusta, April 10

The ability to learn from one's mistakes on the golf course is considered of prime importance in the making of a golfer. The ability to remember those mistakes and not make them again was the key to Gary Player's stunning victory in the forty-second United States Masters championship.

Player first played at Augusta in 1957 and missed the cut. In the ensuing years he won the title in 1961 and 1974, but in 1978 he attributed his win not to what he had learnt from victory but from what he had remembered from defeat. In 1962, the year he lost the play-off to Arnold Palmer, he had a putt from behind the hole on the sixteenth and hitting it on the right-hand edge of the hole saw the ball stay out. Again in 1970 he came to the last hole needing a par to tie Gene Littler and Billie Casper and in going for the pin saw his ball catch the lip of the bunker from where he failed to get down in two more.

In the closing stages of Sunday's last round Player once more found himself directly behind the hole on the sixteenth and this time told himself to hit the ball straight at the back of the hole. Similarly on the eighteenth he faced a downhill putt on exactly the same line as he had in 1970. On both previous occasions he missed but this time he did not. The fact that Player holed those two vital putts as well as several others was the result of a definite change in his putting strokes.

"Last week", Player said, "I decided to change my putting method. For years I have jabbed at the ball and although I have been playing well I haven't been holing the putts. My caddie asked me to try and hit the ball with more of a stroking action. Although I hit the ball really well during the first three rounds the putts still didn't fall, but on the last day it all payed off."

But any man who wins over 100 tournaments around the world must be a good putter and Player freely acknowledged that he has had his share of fortune on the greens. At 42 he is the oldest winner of the Masters and it is his capacity to adapt and adjust that has kept him at the top for 20 years. He may seem slightly fanatical, even eccentric, but one cannot take away the fact that his exercising, his rigid training schedule and his balanced diet are all important cornerstones in the structuring of his career.

Although Hubert Green's missed putt on the final green will be the lasting memory of his run at the title it should be remembered that on such a day a score of 72 was really about two over par and he was the first to admit it. There were echoes of Doug Sanders at St Andrews in 1970 when Green stood over his 3ft putt and then stepped away. Apparently he heard a radio announcer relaying the situation back to base, but as soon as he did step back one could almost sense he would not hole that putt.

Of course in the tumult of such a finish a great many other things tend to pass unnoticed. There was Severiano Ballesteros, who on his twenty-first birthday had a sad round but was still full of attacking strokes. His impetuosity cost him dear throughout the week but he is not going to change immediately, and indeed why should he? There was a gratifying performance from Peter Oosterhuis, who at one stage on the last day was in fact ahead of Player, and Peter McEvoy, although propping up the field at the end could take comfort in the fact that he completed the full four rounds, something no other English amateur had done previously.

Elementary my dear Player: Watson congratulates the master.

The lasting memory, however, should rightly belong to the winner. For me it was the sight of Player hitting his second shot to the thirteenth in the final round. After the ball was struck Player's right shoulder came swinging around and he nearly fell over such was the effort he put into the stroke.

It is a sight that we have become familiar with over the past 20 years whenever Player has been in the thick of the battle. It signifies the intensity of his desire to win, a desire that enabled him to pass no less than 16 men in the course of the final round. The following morning he was back on the course playing with his son, Wayne, and teaching him the intricacies of Augusta National, most of it no doubt from memory.

Fine scores:

277: G Player (SA), 72, 72, 69, 64.
278: H. Green, 73, 69, 65, 72; T. Watson, 73, 68, 68, 69; R. Funseth, 73, 66, 70, 69.
280: W. Kratzert, 70, 74, 67, 69; W. Armstrong, 72, 70, 70, 68.
281: J. Nicklaus, 72, 73, 69, 67.
282: H. Irwin, 72, 67, 71, 71.
283: J. Inman, 69, 73, 72, 69; D. Graham (Australia), 75, 69, 67, 72.
284: J. McGee, 71, 73, 71, 69; T. Weiskopf, 72, 71, 70, 71; D. January, 72, 70, 72, 70.
285: L. Trevino, 70, 69, 72, 74; P. Oosterhuis (GB), 74, 70, 70, 71.
286: R. Floyd, 76, 71, 71, 68; L. Miller, 74, 71, 70, 71.
287: S. Ballesteros (Spain), 74, 71, 68, 74; E. Sneed, 74, 70, 70, 73; J. Pate, 72, 71, 72, 72; L. Wadkins, 73, 70, 73, 70; G. Morgan, 73, 73, 70, 71; T. Kite, 71, 74, 71, 71.
302: P. McEvoy (GB), 73, 75, 77, 78.

Miss Gree[nhalgh] shows how [to] beat Ameri[cans]

Julia Greenhalgh d[isplayed the] skill and courage req[uired ...] the United States, [...] Curtis Cup trials, [...] curtailed by snow at [...] Surrey, yesterday. She battled her way thro[ugh a snow]storm to win her fo[ur ...] the three-ball matche[s].

Miss Greenhalgh, [...] old from Pleasington, [making] her sixth appearanc[e in the] Cup—she first playe[d ...] and she is a strong c[andidate for] a place in the team [...] New York on August [...].

She recovered from [...] to beat Christine Bar[...] and Muriel Thomson [...] the second series she disposed of Carole [...] seven up and Joan [...] up. "I really playe[d ...] snow in the second [...]" Greenhalgh said. "[...] was frightful."

Some of the player[s had diffi]culty in controlling [...] made compulsory by [...] in the icy wind. "T[...] to play the large ball [...]" Enid Baker, the chai[rman of] selectors, said. "So [...] as well get used to i[t]."

Carole Caldwell ga[ve im]pressive wins in the [...] of three ball m[atches ...] Trew, 10 holes up, [...] experienced Mary Ev[erard]. But then she came up [against] Greenhalgh and also [...] Smith in the second [...].

It was an unhapp[y day for] Miss Trew, the you[ngest] among the 17 com[petitors, who] was also heavily be[aten by] Everard.

Tegwen Perkins, [one of the] strongest candidates, [produced some] of the best golf in [beating the] British champion, A[...] by one hole, and Jo[...] two. Miss Perkins, [...] champion, who has [played in the] last two Curtis Cup [...] the foundation for [...] covering the first [...] 36, two under par.

Results

FIRST SERIES: Mrs G[...] Miss M. Everard, 1 up [...] C. Trew, 10 up; Mis[s ...] Miss Trew, 8 up, Miss [...] beat Miss C. Barker, [...] Miss M. Thomson, 6 [...] beat Miss Thomson, [...] Perkins beat Mrs A. [...] and beat Miss J. Smi[th ...] Uzielli beat Miss Smi[th ...] D. Henson beat Miss C[...] and beat Miss Gorry, [...] beat Miss Panton, 2 up [...] beat Miss V. Marvin, [...] Mrs I. Butler, 5 up; M[...] Mrs Butler, 3 up.
SECOND SERIES: M[...] beat Mrs Caldwell, 7 [...] Miss Smith, 3 up; Miss Caldwell, 1 up. Miss Ev[erard ...] Marvin, 3 up; and bo[...] 2 up; Miss Barker bea[t ...] 1 up.

For the record

Real tennis

HAMPTON COURT: Inter-club knockout competition: Semi-final round: Royal Tennis Court beat Queen's Club, 2—0. P. R. C. Robinson beat M. V. Wilson, 6—4, 6—2; H. M. H. Glover and R. N. Readman beat A. J. Ward and K. Farmanfarmai, 6—5, 6—1.

Cricket

ST GEORGE'S (Grenada): Australians, 121 for 9 dec (A. King 6 for 50) and 209 (P. Tookey 66; King 4 for 34); Windward Islands, 88 and 190 (W. Clark 4 for 45). Australians won by 52 runs.
NEW DELHI: Indian XI, 241 and 208; International XI, 362 and 189 for 7 (Majid Khan 57, I. Chappell 54; E. Prasanna, 3 for 54). International XI won by 3 wickets.

Rifle shooting

BISLEY: Army TRC Wappenschaw: T. W. Whitaker, 97; J. Macneil, 96.2; J. O'Reilly, 96. Army v Hampshire: 1,000 yds: Army 1,199; Hampshire, 1,198. Highest scorer: Army, J. Dunn, 158; Hampshire, J. Hunter, 156. Pistol: BPC Meeting: Free pistol: G. F. Darling, 547; R. A. Smith, 539; K. Dawson, 535. Rapid fire: B. Girling, 587; R. Hassell, 583; G. F. Darling, 583. Standard pistol: B. Girling, 557; H. Owen, 557; J. Twyford, 560. Centre fire: J. Gregory, 576; W. B. Smith, 576; B. Girling, 573. Women's match: Mrs P. Hicks, 559; Mrs N. A. Parish, 555; Mrs J. Snook, 535. Air pistol: R. G. Macdonald, 377; B. Girling, 376; B. Janzs, 373.

Swimming

DORTMUND: Men: 200m Butterfly: 1. M. Kraus (WG), 2min 3.21sec; 2. P. Hubble (GB), 2:4.39; 400m Medley: 1. A. McLatchey (GB), 4:41.21; 4x200 freestyle: 1. Soviet Union 7:44.57; 4. Britain, 7:51.83. Women: 100m Butterfly: 1. K. Seick (WG), 1:02.75; 4. E. Taylor (GB), 1:5.69. 400m Medley: 1. S. Davies (GB), 5:0.31. 4x100m team medley: 1. Britain, 4.37.76. Diving: 1. J. de Frel (Netherlands), 407.95 pts; 5. A. Drake (GB), 349.90. Final Standings: 1. West Germany 139pts; 2. Sweden, 116; 3. Britain, 115; 4. Netherlands, 109; 5. Soviet Union, 97.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Penguins 3, Cleveland Barons 2; Detroit Red Wing 4, Montreal Canadians 0; New York Rangers 3, Chicago Black Hawks 2; New York Islanders 5, Boston Bruins 2; Washington Capitals 4, Atlanta Flames 2; Minnesota North Stars 3, Philadelphia Flyers 1; Buffalo Sabres 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 1.
WORLD ASSOCIATION: Cincinnati Stingers 6, Quebec Nordiques 2; Birmingham Bulls 9, Indianapolis Racers

Boxing

HAT HAI, Thailand: World light-welterweight championship: Saensak Muangsurin (Thailand) knocked out Francisco Moreno (Venezuela) 13th round.
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico: Superbantamweight: Wilfrido Gomez (Puerto Rico) knocked out Juan Antonio Lopez (Mexico), seventh round.

Rugby Fives

Croydon: Finals: Open Singles: G. Morgan (Denstone) beat N. P. Straker (St Dunstan's), 12—10, 11—3. Colts Singles: S. P. T. Kemp (St Paul's) beat N. C. Wrighton (Alleyn's), 11—5, 11—0. Open Doubles: Bedford (C. B. Hurt and N. W. Kirkby) beat Denstone (S. M. Hutton and G. Morgan), 12—10, 11—6. Colts Doubles: Alleyn's (C. G. Jennings and C. A. Siendall) beat St Paul's (R. Hayley and S. P. T. Kemp), 6—11, 12—10, 12—10.

Golf

COUNTY MATCHES.—Kent beat Middlesex, 11½—3½; Hampshire beat Wiltshire, 8½—6½.

Lloyd to return

Clive Lloyd, one of Kerry Packer's players, will return to Old Trafford this week. Lloyd was to miss six of Lancashire's games but because of his resignation as West Indies captain after two Tests, he is available for Lancashire's first match. The West Indies fast bowler, Colin Croft, also of Lancashire and one of Packer's latest signings is returning with Lloyd.

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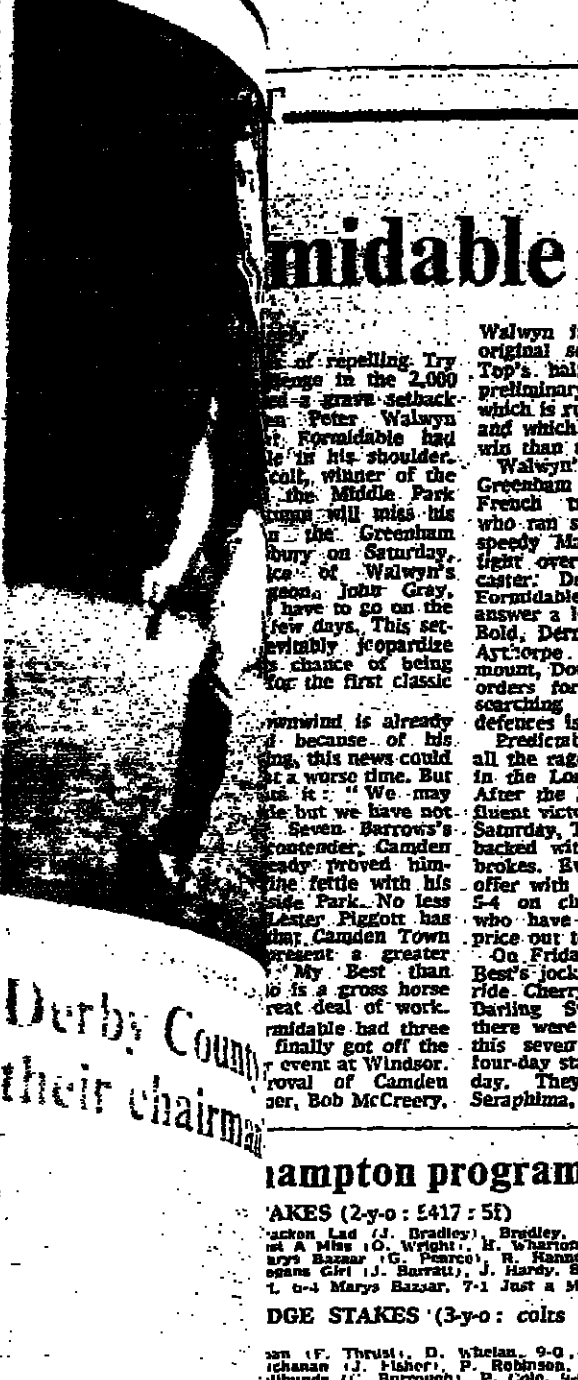

...midable setback to defence of Guineas

...of repelling Try ...enge in the 2,000 ...ed a grave setback ...en Peter Walwyn ...at Formidable had ...le in his shoulder. ...colt, winner of the ...the Middle Park ...will miss his ...n the Greenham ...bury on Saturday. ...ice of Walwyn's ...geon, John Gray, ...have to go on the ...few days. This set... ...evitably jeopardize ...s chance of being ...for the first classic

...wnwind is already ...because of his ...ing, this news could ...t a worse time. But ...as it: "We may ...le but we have not ...Seven Barrows's ...contender, Camden ...eady proved him... ...ine fettle with his ...side Park. No less ...Lester Piggott has ...that Camden Town ...resent a greater ...y My Best than ...o is a gross horse ...reat deal of work. ...rmidable had three ...finally got off the ...r event at Windsor. ...roval of Camden ...ner, Bob McCreery. Walwyn intends to stick to his original schedule and give High Top's half brother his Guineas preliminary in the Craven Stakes, which is run over the Rowley Mile and which looks an easier race to win than the Greenham.

Walwyn's representative in the Greenham will be the former French trained Gipsy Dancer, who ran so well when giving the speedy Manor Farm Boy a hard fight over six furlongs at Doncaster. Despite the absence of Formidable the Newbury race will answer a lot of questions. Persian Bold, Derrylin, John de Coombe, Arthorpe and Lester Piggott's mount, Double Form are all under orders for the Greenham. So a searching test of the home defences is still assured.

Predictably, Try My Best was all the rage for the 2,000 Guineas in the London offices yesterday. After the Northern Dancer colt's fluent victory at Phoenix Park on Saturday, Try My Best was heavily backed with both Hills and Ladbrokes. Even money is still on offer with Hills, but the colt is a 5-4 on chance with Ladbrokes, who have knocked Formidable's price out to 12-1.

On Friday at Newbury Try My Best's jockey, Lester Piggott, will ride Cherry Hinton in the Fred Darling Stakes. Disappointingly there were only 10 acceptors for this seven furlong trial at the four-day stage of acceptors yesterday. They include Fair Salinia, *Seraphima*, *Shapina*, and *Smarten Up*. Fair Salinia, a fast-finishing third to Sookera in the Cheveley Park Stakes last autumn, should prove to be the chief threat to Cherry Hinton, who dominates the fillies' classics in much the same way as Try My Best appears to be the outstanding colt.

Our Newmarket correspondent says that both fillies have been galloping with zest recently. Piggott partnered Cherry Hinton in a spin with Fluellen and Good Fellow last Friday. Fair Salinia worked with her trainer Michael Stoute's Newbury Spring Cup candidate, Greenhill God, on Saturday. Cherry Hinton is probably the more forward of the two at present. It will come as a big surprise if Harry Wragg's filly, whom *Raceform Private Handicap* rated as superior to Try My Best as a two-year-old, were to taste defeat on Friday.

Gay Spartan will miss tomorrow's Cheltenham Gold Cup. In view of the continuing fast ground Tony Dickinson, the trainer, has decided that the eight-year old mudlark has done enough for the season. With five victories to his credit, Gay Spartan has earned his summer's rest. Fort Devon is now clear favourite for the big race with William Hill at 2-1. But the most popular horse with the punters yesterday was Peter Cundell's Bachelor's Hall, who recently signified his well being with a comfortable defeat of Uncle Bing in Chepstow's Welsh Champion Steeplechase. Bachelor's Hall is now top priced at 5-1 with the same firm.

It was bitterly cold at Wolverhampton yesterday. Three inches of snow covered the fields only five miles north of the town, but miraculously the course itself was alright. By far the most impressive winner of the day was Nonchalant, whom Tony Kimberley rode to a clever victory over Bradden in the Birches Bridge Maidens' Stakes. The odds-on favourite, Tipstaff, was struggling two furlongs from home and finished third.

Jeremy Hindley trains the winner for Tarik al-Said, the father-in-law of the Sultan of Oman. Nonchalant is a half-brother by Wolver Hollow to that prolific winner, Battlement, who scored at Doncaster on Thursday. A 14,000 guineas purchase as a yearling, the three-year-old looks the type to go on to better things. "Nonchalant is a bit of a character", Hindley said, "and I would like to give him a couple of easy races to boost his confidence before tackling higher class opposition".

Clive Brittain was the only other Newmarket trainer to saddle a winner when Purple Mark, who was strongly ridden by Edward Hide, just managed to withstand the persistent challenge of High Bird in the second division of the Ryton Maiden Stakes. Brittain said that it had not yet been decided whether to let Julio Mariner take on Try My Best in the Guineas, or whether to keep Captain Marcos Lemos's Derby prospect for the Dante Stakes at the York Spring meeting.

"Julio Mariner has only just started to come to himself", Brittain said. "And it all depends on how he progresses in the next fortnight. Judged from the reports of Try My Best's win in Ireland, we might be beating our heads against a brick wall by taking on Vincent O'Brien's colt at Newmarket."

At Wolverhampton today, Baudelaire looks sure to start at odds on to capture the Bourton Stakes. Although Duncan Sasse's colt disappointed after finishing runner-up to Mrs McArdy in the Free Handicap and to Lucky Sovereign in the Dante Stakes, Baudelaire is a cut above his rivals today. Daniel Wildenstein's Monsanto, now with Gavin Hunter, could be the only danger if recapturing the ability he showed in France in his three-year-old days.

Other possible winners at Wolverhampton are Neil Adams's Sovereign Mercy in the Ironbridge Maiden Stakes, and Floreat Salopia, whom the trainer in form, Reg Hollinshead, runs in the Whiteladies Maiden Fillies Stakes.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: 2,000 Guineas, Newmarket: Knight Express. L'Avenir. Westward, at 9 am, April 7. 1,000 Guineas, Newmarket: Lusty Lor, Celerity, Heiress, Isonda, Tismah, Via Maris, Chere Alise, Gamina, Poulaine, Day in Clichy, at 9 am, April 7. All engagements (dead): Loft House, Constable Dodd, Track Hero, Arabian Express, Gregory's Girl, Prebihas.

Dope test on winner at Cheltenham is positive

Timmie's Battle was doped when he won the Foxhunter Champion Hunters' Steeplechase Challenge Cup at the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival on March 15. This was confirmed by the Jockey Club yesterday afternoon after a routine dope test on the gelding trained by Arthur Stephenson's steeplechaser was found positive by scientists at the Newmarket headquarters of Racecourse Security Services. A Jockey Club inquiry will be held, but no date has yet been fixed.

Stephenson, who trains at Bishop Auckland, is one of Britain's leading National Hunt trainers and has had 700 winners since 1970. His only comment at Hexham races yesterday was "I am very disappointed". But Joe Lisle and Giles Deverill, the owners, added, "Sometimes these things do happen".

Timmie's Battle won the £3,199 prize after being hard ridden by top amateur, Mr Peter Greenall, and was half a length up on Mountolive at the winning post.

STATE OF GOING (official): Wolverhampton: good to soft. Hereford: good to firm. Plumpton: good. Tomorrow: Hamilton Park: good to soft. Ripon: good. Cheltenham: good to firm.

...hampton programme

...AKES (2-y-o: £417: 5f)

...racken Lad (J. Bradley), Bradley, 8-11 ... A. Cartwright 7 3
...st A Miss (O. Wright), H. Wharton, 8-8 ... O. Gray 1
...arys Bazaar (G. Pearce), R. Hannon, 8-8 ... F. Durr 4
...egans Girl (J. Barratt), J. Hardy, 8-8 ... M. Thomas 2
...1, 6-4 Marys Bazaar, 7-1 Just a Miss, 10-1 Bracken Lad.

...DGE STAKES (3-y-o: colts and geldings: £693:

...an (F. Thrust), D. Whelan, 9-0 ... B. Rouse 14
...chanan (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 9-0 ... E. Eldin 8
...llbunda (C. Burrough), P. Cole, 9-0 ... G. Baxter 10
...erilous (J. Peers), M. Haynes, 9-0 ... B. Jago 6
...vereign Mercy (J. Rees), N. Adam, 9-0 ... P. Cook 9
...st Piece (Miss J. Smith), M. Tate, 9-0 ... C. Moss 11
...rax (Capt M. Smyly), M. Smyly, 9-0 ... R. Curant 12
...allfrag (W. Jones), P. Robinson, 9-0 ... P. Young 3 1
...st Portion (Miss A. Westerdick), J. Holt, 8-11 P. Waldron 3
...ack Mark (B) (L. Bonison), J. Hardy, 8-11 M. Thomas 13
...uri Gold (W. Hawke), W. Marshall, 8-11 ... J. Lynch 4
...k Fox (J. Belteridge), W. Wharton, 8-11 W. Wharton 5 7
...ishock (M. Cook), D. Marks, 8-11 ... F. Morby 5
...ngapore Jewel (S. Liem), G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 A. Bond 2
...n Emperor (L. Barratt), Barratt, 8-11 ... G. Sexton 15
...00-30 Sovereign Mercy, 11-2 Abon, 8-1 Thrax, 10-1 Callibunda, ...el, 16-1 Black Mark, 20-1 others.

...HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,182: 1m 1f)

...anlinbar (Sheikh Mohammed), R. Houghton, 8-7 J. Reid 2
...gar Free (M. Standen), B. Hills, 8-4 ... E. Johnson 6
...anish Music (J. Rubio), G. Hunter, 8-4 ... M. Roberts 4
...ut Fellow (L. Freedman), P. Walwyn, 8-2 ... P. Eddery 9
...rwood (H. Attwood), R. Murphy, 8-0 ... J. Lynch 1
...rthy Venture (C. Simon), R. Hollinshead, 7-10 M. Wigham 5 11
...ver Tell (J. Hardy), Hardy, 7-5 ... M. Thomas 8
...able Bill (W. Skinner), W. Marshall, 7-4 ... R. Still 7
...antar (M. Kingsley), F. Rimell, 7-1 ... K. Darley 5 10
...ace Special (Mrs N. Cittins), S. Holland, 7-7 ... D. McKay 6
...st Bus (Mrs S. Tierney), J. Tierney, 7-0 ... R. Street 3
...4-1 Sugar Free, 11-2 Stout Fellow, 6-1 Spanish Music, 13-2 ...1 Chantar, 12-1 Swanlinbar, Worthy Venture, 14-1 others.

...STAKES (£967: 1m)

...stern Palace (D) (Mrs A. Beeson), E. Beeson, 4-9-3 R. Curant 5
...ymast (C) (Miss J. Smith), M. Tate, 5-9-0 W. Wharton 5 18
...udelaire (D) (T. Sasso), D. Sasse, 4-8-10 ... P. Eddery 16
...lle Vue (D) (R. Mason), Mason, 5-8-10 N. Branick 7 1
...ary Hotfoot (Mrs J. Craig), E. Carter, 4-8-10 C. Dwyer 19

408 200000- Len (Mrs D. Goldstein), R. Akehurst, 5-8-10 ... F. Durr 22
409 000- Monsanto (D) (D. Wildenstein), G. Hunter, 6-8-10 M. Roberts 13
410 30000-3 Peranka (C) (C. Allen), W. Marshall, 6-8-10 ... J. Lynch 17
412 00000-3 Tabernacle (Mrs M. Bridgwater), K. Bridgwater, 5-8-10 C. Moss 2
413 00400- Versailles Prince (B) (Miss D. Downus), A. Ingham, 5-8-10 E. Eldin 3
415 00- Whistlefield (D) (Miss V. Hermon-Hodge), H. Price, 5-8-10 B. Taylor 21
416 0000- Touch of Spring (D) (P. Wakeling), P. Kelleway, 5-8-7 R. Cade 7 18
417 0000- Another Chapter (Mrs L. Dingwall), Dingwall, 4-8-5 Miss H. Parry 7 7
418 400- Busting (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 4-8-5 ... P. Young 3 9
419 00- Cista (Mrs M. Notley), E. Beeson, 4-8-5 ... G. Baxter 12
420 First Break (E. Ronneberg), M. Salaman, 7-8-5 A. Cousins 10
421 00- Hauser (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 4-8-5 ... W. Carson 11
422 Jimmy Rolt (Mrs M. Turner), J. Turner, 4-8-5 J. Bleasdale 8
423 Prince Valentine (A. Pini), D. H. Jones, 4-8-5 ... R. Fox 14
424 00000- Sergeant Jim (B. Keay), J. Holt, 4-8-5 ... G. Russell 7 20
425 The Good Captain (Miss P. O'Kelly), Thomson Jones, 4-8-5 P. Cook 6
428 000000- Persian Swallow (R. Brazington), J. Haine, 4-8-2 H. Ballantine 4

9-4 Baudelaire, 5-2 Peranka, 6-1 Whistlefield, 8-1 Monsanto, 10-1 Belle Vue, 12-1 Hauser, 14-1 Busting, 16-1 Versailles Prince, 20-1 others.

4.15 MUCH WENLOCK HANDICAP (£1,145: 1m 3f 25yd)

501 0000- Kafue Park (Mrs M. Cowan), G. P.-Hoblyn, 5-9-11 B. Taylor 3
502 0 Fiery Copper (A. Bray), R. Hollinshead, 6-8-13 ... T. Ives 8
503 310402- Indian Mark (F. Howe), Mrs L. Dingwall, 7-8-4 W. Carson 7
507 000- Lantern Boy (K. Vasiliou), M. Salaman, 5-7-12 R. Curant 4
511 10200-0 Arctic Rascal (J. Owens), J. Bradley, 7-7-11 ... D. McKay 6
513 Calm Ship (E. Young), A. W. Jones, 5-7-7 ... S. Webster 5
515 23430-3 River Mahwa (J. Peers), M. Haynes, 5-7-7 ... I. Jenkinson 1
516 00000-3 Loong Kei (C-D) (P. Gough), P. Arthur, 6-7-7 ... R. Still 2

11-4 Loong Kei, 7-2 River Mahwa, 4-1 Indian Mark, 11-2 Kafue Park, 6-1 Arctic Rascal, 8-1 Fiery Copper, 12-1 others.

4.45 WHITELADIES STAKES (3-y-o: maiden fillies: £675: 1¼m 50yd)

601 04000-0 Brecknock Tell (P. Thomas), C. Benstead, 8-11 B. Rouse 4
603 0000- Christmas Girl (D. Byford), W. Marshall, 8-11 ... J. Lynch 6
604 00003-4 Floreat Salopia (B. Thomas), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 T. Ives 1
605 0400- Immodest Miss (J. Creswell), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 J. Groomsmith 7 11
606 000-0 Jay Wood (D. Wood), D. Ancil, 8-11 ... R. Fox 13
607 -00- Misty Glen (Mrs R. Bradley), J. Bradley, 8-11 R. Curant 2
608 000-0 Nett-Rate (A. Stocks), P. Arthur, 8-11 ... C. Williams 8
609 0- Ripple Wood (G. Nolan), A. W. Jones, 8-11 ... S. Webster 9
610 00- Sarah Paul (H. Gover), D. Dartnall, 8-11 ... R. Weaver 10
611 0- Serenia (R. Moller), H. Wragg, 8-11 ... D. Gibson 7 7
612 Subsidise (J. Hardy), Hardy, 8-11 ... M. Thomas 5
613 400-2 Tips (S. Label), N. Adam, 8-11 ... J. Bleasdale 3

7-4 Tips, 3-1 Floreat Salopia, 9-2 Serenia, 8-1 Subsidise, 10-1 Immodest Miss, 12-1 Nett-Rate, 14-1 Christmas Girl, 16-1 others.

...n NH programme

...HURDLE (£429: 2m)

...ington Bee, G. Ripley, 5-12-0 ... A. Anderson 7
...s Rush In, H. O'Neill, 5-12-0 ... J. Jenkins
...Jiggs (C-D), B. Wise, 5-12-0 ...
...tally (C-D), S. Matthews, 6-12-0 ... W. Smith
...dant Prince (C,D), H. O'Neill, 6-12-0 ...
...ch, A. Moore, 6-12-0 ... James Guest
...., D. Ringer, 4-11-7 ... S. McNeill 7
...ne, W. Wildman, 4-11-1 ... I. Gibbons 7
...onwood Park, D. Morley, 4-11-1 ... B. R. Davies
...-2 Lacrimally, 5-1 Fools Rush In, 8-1 Warrenwood Park, 10-1 ...1 Trench, 20-1 others.

11 ff00 Big Boss (C-D), G. Ripley, 7-10-0 ... A. Anderson 7
25 00 Carillos, J. Long, 9-10-0 ... R. Rowell
26 000142 Le Diable, C. Benstead, 10-10-0 ... J. Rowe 7
28 Legenary Isle, J. Panvert, 7-10-0 ... Mr Panvert 7

5-1 Nampara Cove, 6-1 Tarini, 8-1 Loonshiang, Oropendola, 10-1 Le Diable, Staccato, The Guvnor, 12-1 Barrain, Inverpyle, 14-1 Andrew, Stupendous Boy, 16-1 others.

...STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,772: 2m 750yd)

...der Prince (C-D), C. Nesfield, 9-11-8 ... R. Rowell
...scin Lad, D. Ringer, 11-11-7 ... H. J. Evans
...id, T. Forster, 8-11-7 ... J. Francome
...Captain, D. Morley, 9-10-13 ... B. R. Davies
...Harley, J. Gifford, 7-10-12 ... Mr G. Sloan
...llingay, R. Blakeney, 7-10-8 ... M. Bastard 7
...nvie, J. George, 9-10-8 ... P. O'Brien 5
...lek (C-D), G. Greig, 8-10-8 ...
...ksgrange, S. Woodman, 10-10-7 ... C. Brown 3
...npers Galore (C), R. Atkins, 12-10-7 ... R. Atkins
...arbush View, J. Truran, 10-10-7 ... Mr Panvert 7
...ani, P. Mitchell, 16-10-5 ... R. G. Hughes
...op's Crook, D. Grndolia, 7-10-1 ... P. Barton
...9-2 Cruiscin Lad, 5-1 Atmani, 6-1 Cupid, 8-1 Border Prince, Monkgrange, 12-1 Gamlingay, Rathlek, 16-1 others.

3.45 IAIN BUCHANAN TROPHY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,584: 3m)

2 0-0191 Canhe (D), M. Salaman, 9-11-7 ... Mr Rooney 7
3 pp Feud, A. Wates, 7-11-7 ... M. O'Halloran
5 113001 Beige Prince (D), J. Gifford, 8-11-1 ... R. Champion
6 421220 Rough and Tumble, F. Winter, 8-10-8 ... J. Francome
7 0-6441 Gypsy Baron, Mrs D. Oughton, 8-10-8 ... N. Holman 5
9 p30p00 Flying Prince, J. O'Donoghue, 9-10-0 ... B. McGarrigle 7

9-4 Rough and Tumble, 11-4 Beige Prince, 5-1 Canhe, 4-1 Gypsy Baron, 16-1 Feud, 25-1 Flying Prince.

4.15 SOUTHOVER HURDLE (Novices: £582: 3m)

5 021040 Jack Madness, J. Gifford, 6-11-12 ... Mr Sloan
6 442401 Chevulgan (C), R. Armytage, 5-11-10 ... H. Davies 5
8 Ferrington Carney, J. Dudgeon, 8-11-9 ... R. Floyd
9 00-0000 Flying Straight, Mrs D. Oughton, 6-11-5 ... N. Holman 5
10 0p-0000 Just Because, N. Ledger, 7-11-5 ... M. Charles 5
15 02 Balloon, T. Underwood, 5-11-3 ... J. Redmond 7
16 Ken Lake, B. Wise, 5-11-3 ... J. Akehurst 7
18 f00-000 Oh Honey, B. Wise, 5-11-3 ... J. Akehurst 7
19 004 Scottish Mandate, G. Harwood, 5-11-3 ...
20 0-04e0 The Hummel, D. Morley, 5-11-3 ... B. R. Davies
21 030000 Timber Queen, Mrs E. Kennard, 5-11-3 ... P. Richards
22 -00pp Zebak, A. Moore, 5-11-3 ... Mr Moore 7
23 p0p Duke of Eboli, R. Atkins, 4-10-5 ... G. Day 7
24 p00030 Kirov, B. Gubby, 4-10-5 ... R. Forsyth 7
25 00 South of Alaska, J. Cann, 4-10-5 ... S. G. Knight

7-2 Royal Judgement, 4-1 Jack Madness, 5-1 Balloon, 6-1 Chevulgan, 8-1 Ken Lake, 10-1 Scottish Mandate, 14-1 The Hummel, Timber Queen, 16-1 others.

...Y BOOKMAKERS HURDLE (Handicap: £974:

...endous Boy, S. Woodman, 8-12-0 ... C. Brown 3
...cato, D. Morley, 5-11-5 ... B. R. Davies
...Guynor, R. Atkins, 6-11-3 ... R. Atkins
...ashiang, J. Hale, 5-11-3 ... W. Smith
...pendola, F. Winter, 7-11-1 ... J. Francome
...rain, T. M. Jones, 8-10-12 ... M. Stanley
...er Tack, N. Wakley, 6-10-10 ...
...rgaylo, J. id, 6-10-10 ... P. Barton
...rew (C-D), A. Moore, 6-10-9 ... Mr Moore 7
...para Cove, B. Wise, 5-10-8 ... J. Jenkins
...kling Hall, K. Bailey, 6-10-7 ...
...n Power (D), Mrs E. Kennard, 5-10-7 ... P. Richards
...ileo, W. Musson, 7-10-5 ... D. Goodwin 7
...ognarian, A. Neaves, 5-10-4 ... L. Cox 7
...ini (C), J. Cann, 11-10-4 ... S. G. Knight 8
...Ambion (C), A. Davison, 6-10-5 ... G. Gracey 5
...City, W. Wildman, 7-10-1 ... I. Gibbons 7

4.45 BARCOMBE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £752: 2m)

7 022021 Emperor's Gift (D), K. Bailey, 8-12-1 ... Mr Twiston-Davies 7
5 10202u Star of the Arctic (D), D. Morley, 7-12-1 ... B. R. Davies
8 00p-0u0 Bill's Brother, P. Allingham, 9-11-8 ...
10 440- Candy Prince, F. Muggeridge, 7-11-8 ... J. King
11 30000f Daventry, J. Long, 6-11-8 ... R. Rowell
14 fu2422 Heidelberg, Mrs D. Oughton, 9-11-8 ... Mr Oughton 7
15 344103 Linsky, F. Winter, 6-11-8 ... M. Bastard 7
17 020n42 Prosen, J. O'Donoghue, 9-11-8 ... B. McGarrigle 7
18 f00444 Royal Romance, A. Moore, 7-11-8 ...
20 p The Kaycaestan, Mrs N. Smith, 9-11-8 ... D. Jeffries 7
22 f0000f Golden Breeze, R. Ledger, 5-11-0 ... Mrs Ledger 7
23 0-00023 Snowy M, W. Stephenson, 5-11-0 ... M. Mangan

5-1 Star of the Arctic, 7-2 Snowy M, 9-2 Heidelberg, 5-1 Linsky, 6-1 Emperor's Gift, 8-1 Prosen, 12-1 Royal Romance, 16-1 others.

Hereford NH programme

2.0 HAY HURDLE (Novices: Div I: Part I: £360: 2m)

1 1 News King, N. Callaghan, 4-11-8 ... D. McAllister 7
3 00300 Bridge Ash, J. Johnson, 5-11-7 ... Mr Johnson 5
5 4f Darling Rose, E. Evans, 5-11-7 ... R. R. Evans
7 40 Drifting Smoke, J. Edwards, 7-11-7 ... S. Morshead
8 pp Fort Laugh, J. Bradley, 5-11-7 ... C. Jones
10 Green Sandpiper, J. Webber, 5-11-7 ... A. Webber
13 002430 Irish Barger, W. Musson, 6-11-7 ... R. Linley
14 0030 King Offa, P. Hanson, 6-11-7 ... J. O'Neill
16 000p30 Melodic's Folly, D. Edmunds, 7-11-7 ... J. Suthern
19 bf Pine Treas, P. Felgate, 5-11-7 ... J. Pearce
21 00-000 Queens Cop, W. Fisher, 7-11-7 ... A. Webb 3
23 0 Sir Owen, R. E. Peacock, 6-11-7 ... R. F. Davies
29 00000 Ask Me Nicely, J. Vaughan, 4-10-12 ... R. Hyett
35 300f Fortune, T. Wardle, 4-10-12 ... S. Smith-Eccles

10-11 News King, 4-1 Fortune, 5-1 Bridge Ash, 7-1 Irish Barger, 10-1 Melodic's Folly, Drifting Smoke, 14-1 King Offa, 16-1 others.

2.30 DONNINGTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £598: 2m)

5 03f21u The Spud Centre, S. Mellor, 6-11-13 ... P. Blacker
6 00001f Island Mist, H. Nicholson, 5-11-6 ... K. Whyte 5
7 0p0020 Angel's Nip, J. Webber, 6-11-3 ... Mr Webber 7
10 000-p0p Emma's Fury, S. Underhill, 6-11-3 ... R. Mann
11 0-p0p0f Fastina, M. Scudamore, 6-11-3 ... R. Kington
12 p0-00f0 Foggy Pierre, C. Crewe, 6-11-3 ... Mr Brisbourne 5
14 0p004f Harry Hawke, B. Palling, 6-11-3 ... C. Candy
15 00p Lochside, P. Calver, 6-11-3 ... A. Webber
16 0 Milberess, S. Holland, 6-11-3 ... S. Holland
17 01000r Miss Dike, A. W. Jones, 6-11-3 ... D. Sunderland
20 000-00 Scoupee, L. Merson, 6-11-3 ... K. Bosley 5
22 000-f30 Silent Town, J. Shedden, 6-11-3 ... P. Carvill 7
23 b00p0f Star of Israel, F. Brookshaw, 6-11-3 ... J. O'Neill
25 0-030 Big Charles, N. Castle, 5-10-10 ... R. Floyd
26 040400 Dewy's Quay, C. Davies, 5-10-10 ... C. Jones 3
28 00f04f Home Turn, D. Nicholson, 5-10-10 ... R. Dicken

5-2 The Spud Centre, 3-1 Island Mist, 4-1 Angel's Nip, 11-2 Big Charles, 7-1 Star of Israel, 8-1 Home Turn, 12-1 Silent Town, 16-1 others.

3.0 LITTLE BIRCH HURDLE (Handicap: £650: 2m)

1 2100- Black Sabbath (D), M. Francis, 5-12-0 ...
2 000440 Deep Mystery (C-D), E. Owen jun, 6-11-10 ... Mr Greenway 5
3 041402 Another Dove (D), G. Price, 7-11-8 ... C. Price 5
4 040000 Destiny Hill (D), S. Holland, 7-11-7 ... S. Holland
5 732000 Striker, J. Thorne, 6-11-6 ... P. Hobbs
7 430001 Listen Here, R. Turnell, 7-11-2 ... E. Waite 7
8 400110 Maygo (D), A. Sutton, 6-11-2 ... F. Morris 7
9 003000 Balitree (D), D. Barons, 6-10-12 ... P. Leach
10 0-0 Melody Time (C-D), D. H. Jones, 7-10-11 ... D. Cartwright
11 200000 Silversmith, J. Wardle, 5-10-11 ... M. Leak 7
12 204-323 Princely Chief (D), D. Ringer, 6-10-10 ... J. O'Neill
13 110400 Hot Cross Bun (D), M. Francis, 5-10-10 ... G. Enright
15 Light the Fire, P. Calver, 5-10-9 ... A. Webber
17 00 Darling Bob (D), G. Balding, 6-10-7 ... R. Batley
18 4f2ff0 Rue d'Or (D), O. O'Neill, 7-10-7 ... M. Caswell
19 000-11 Suviel (D), S. Nattriss, 6-10-4 ... D. Atkins
20 001402 Young Hopeful, J. Wardle, 6-10-3 ... S. Smith-Eccles
21 0-21130 Somerset (D), G. Balding, 7-10-3 ... R. Linley
22 u00003 Oueluz (D), M. Tate, 5-10-3 ... C. Smith
23 3421g0 Forget It (D), R. E. Peacock, 8-10-3 ... Mr Brisbourne 5
24 140040 Tudor Maestro (D), M. Low, 6-10-2 ... B. Jones
25 402210 Lloyd Arms (C-D), B. Cambidge, 5-10-2 ... G. Jones
26 02001f Banjo Bones (D), C. Kindersley, 5-10-0 ... R. Evans
29 002030 Yachtsman (D), A. Perry, 8-10-0 ... A. Taylor

5-1 Listen Here, 6-1 Another Dove, 7-1 Destiny Hill, 8-1 Maygo, Young Hopeful, 10-1 Queluz, Striker, Balitree, 12-1 Light the Fire, 14-1 Suviel, 16-1 Silversmith, 20-1 others.

3.30 KINGSTONE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,343: 2½m)

3 24200p Corriegholl (D), Earl Jones, 12-11-5 ... I. Watkinson
6 02f-031 Just Jake (C-D), V. Bishop, 9-10-13 ... R. Evans
9 f2-2022 Ostrich Duck, J. Bissill, 12-10-5 ... R. F. Davies
10 313134 Kellys Hero, T. Forster, 10-10-3 ... P. Blacker
11 01-1p0b Casaleens (D), J. Powell, 8-10-0 ... J. Williams
12 000020 Silver Delight (D), G. Balding, 9-10-0 ... R. Linley
13 003412 My Babby (C-D), E. Evans, 8-10-0 ... D. Cartwright
15 12101s Mastor Scorchio, E. Bevan, 7-10-0 ... G. Jones
16 0-3-131 Gay Heath, A. Hobbs, 7-10-0 ... P. Hobbs
17 0up-ep0 Roman Child, W. Mann, 7-10-0 ... R. Mann
18 300p0f Sicilian Son (C-D), M. Tate, 11-10-0 ... C. Smith
19 302004 Rosey Outlook, D. Barons, 10-10-0 ... P. Leach
20 02-404p Inglewood, J. Thorner, 10-10-0 ... R. Hyett

3-1 My Babby, 7-2 Silver Delight, 5-1 Corriegholl, 7-1 Kellys Hero, Just Jake, 8-1 Gay Heath, 10-1 Ostrich Duck, 12-1 Sicilian Son, 14-1 others.

4.0 CREDENHILL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £923: 2m)

1 21100p Early Spring (D), R. Turnell, 8-12-7 ... A. Turnell
3 202120 Skryne (C-D), P. Bailey, 8-11-7 ... I. Watkinson
5 231112 El Cardo (C-D), Mrs E. Kennard, 8-11-1 ... P. Richards
7 111130 Pavement Artist (D), Thomson Jones, 6-10-8 ... S. Smith-Eccles
8 044013 Royal Thrust (C-D), F. Rimell, 9-10-7 ... J. Burke
11 1u1334 Eselle, V. Bishop, 11-10-0 ... S. Payne
16 3-0422 Golden Warrior, A. Silvester, 10-10-0 ... R. Hyett
19 1u310p Flittermere (D), R. E. Peacock, 7-10-0 ... Mr Brisbourne 5
20 0p-pp0f John Boy (D), D. Edmunds, 8-10-0 ... J. Suthern

11-4 El Cardo, 4-1 Royal Thrust, 5-1 Early Spring, 6-1 Skryne, 7-1 Pavement Artist, 10-1 Eselle, Golden Warrior, 20-1 others.

4.30 KING PYON STEEPLECHASE (£410: 3m)

1 Barmy, I. Balding, 9-12-10 ... Mr Balding
4 p Bold Bounty, Miss C. Barnes, 9-12-0 ... Mr Wilding 7
5 f Bright Chance, D. White, 7-12-0 ... Mrs White 7
6 Bright Star, Mrs A. Price, 8-12-0 ...
7 Dandy Man, Mrs H. Mobley, 9-12-0 ... Mr Nobley 7
8 pu Diesel Jack, P. Broome, 6-12-0 ... Mr Webber 7
9 p Emperors Choice, M. Stephens, 9-12-0 ... Mr Stuart-Hunt 5
11 p33- Green Art VI, D. Scudamore, 12-12-0 ... Mr Scudamore 7
12 f04-3f Green Path, R. E. Pocock, 7-12-0 ... Mr Edwards 7
13 004-00p Humperdinck, Mrs T. Pilkington, 9-12-0 ... Mr Hamilton 7
14 pp2- Jim Lad, Mrs P. Morris, 11-12-0 ... Mr Bryan 7
15 0 Lakeside, G. Simms, 7-12-0 ... Mr Wilson
17 Man of Europe, Miss V. Sumner, 8-12-0 ... Miss Sumner 7
18 fp10 Northcote Hill, L. Worner, 9-12-0 ... Mr Stevens 7
20 000-0 Pallisero, J. Sloman, 9-12-0 ...
22 004000- Wellingtonbridge, Mrs J. Debenham, 7-12-0 Mr de Lisle Wells 7

9-4 Barmy, 7-2 Green Path, 4-1 Green Art VI, 5-1 Jim Lad, 8-1 Bright Chance, 12-1 Lakeside, 20-1 others.

5.0 HAY HURDLE (Novices: Div II: £428: 2m)

2 004010 Melody River, J. Edwards, 5-12-3 ... J. Morshead
4 f0 Ante Up, J. Webber, 5-11-7 ... A. Webber
5 0002 Beach Party, F. Rimell, 5-11-7 ... J. Burke
6 p0 Blue Blaze, D. Edmunds, 5-11-7 ... J. Suthern
8 rr02p0 Bright Fergus, M. Scudamore, 9-11-7 ... R. Kington
9 0p Bright Ray, C. Saunders, 5-11-7 ... Mr Saunders
10 0p0 Chercundus, R. Griffiths, 9-11-7 ... A. O'Hagan 7
12 Habesi, R. E. Peacock, 5-11-7 ... Mr Brisbourne 5
13 03-00 Just Tam, A. Garton, 6-11-7 ... Mr Graham 7
16 000000 Llacca Prince, M. Eckley, 6-11-7 ... J. O'Neill
17 Marangnatar, P. Watkins, 7-11-7 ...
19 00 Moonstone Lass, C. Wates, 6-11-7 ... P. Haynes
22 0-04 Santoss, J. Bradley, 5-11-7 ... R. Hyett
23 0 The Ommaroo, G. Small, 5-11-7 ... R. Hoare 5
24 f00003 Victa Steel, S. Mellor, 6-11-7 ... P. Blacker
25 00 Young Geoff, J. Friday, 5-11-7 ... G. Jones
27 00 Filletts Farm, J. Bissill, 4-10-12 ... R. F. Davies
28 0 Trackennis, Earl Jones, 4-10-12 ... I. Watkinson

7-4 Victa Steel, 11-4 Beach Party, 9-2 Melody River, 8-1 Bright Fergus, 12-1 Santoss, Trackennis, 14-1 Just Tam, 20-1 others.

5.30 HAY HURDLE (Novices: Div I: Part II: £357: 2m)

2 0p Asteria, Mrs N. Birch, 6-11-7 ... M. Floyd
4 b Captain Buck, G. Small, 5-11-7 ... R. Hoare 5
6 000 Dawn Fox, M. Scudamore, 5-11-7 ... P. Duggins 5
9 p Galloway Flandre, P. Gandolfo, 5-11-7 ... C. Candy
11 0p Hollo Central, P. Calver, 5-11-7 ... A. Webber
13 0-ub00f Ismolleen, T. Brookshaw, 6-11-7 ... J. O'Neill
15 00-p0 Lanson Lady, A. W. Jones, 5-11-7 ... R. Kington
17 Miners Lodge, C. Wates, 5-11-7 ... P. Haynes
20 f030p2 Prince Kumar VI, M. Oliver, 6-11-7 ... R. Crank
23 u0004-0 Sellam, J. Bradley, 7-11-7 ... G. Jones
24 p-000 Silva, P. Bailey, 5-11-7 ... I. Watkinson
28 00-200 Welsh Rambler, J. Thorne, 6-11-7 ... P. Hobbs
30 00 Bronze King, D. Barons, 4-10-12 ... P. Leach

6-4 Prince Kumar VI, 4-1 Welsh Rambler, 9-2 Bronze King, 11-2 Ismolleen, 8-1 Galloway Flandre, 12-1 Silva, 20-1 others.

Plumpton NH selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Lacrimally. 2.45 Border Prince. 3.15 Loonshiang. 3.45 Beige Prince. 4.15 Royal Judgement. 4.45 Emperor's Gift.

Wolverhampton selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Megans Girl. 2.45 Sovereign Mercy. 3.15 Space Special. 3.45 Baudelaire. 4.15 Fiery Copper. 4.45 Floreat Salopia.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.45 Buchanan. 3.15 Double Bill. 3.45 Touch of Spring. 4.45 Serenia.

Hereford NH selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.0 News King. 2.30 The Spud Centre. 3.0 Melody Time. 3.30 My Babby. 4.0 Skryne. 4.30 Barmy. 5.0 Melody River. 5.30 Prince Kumar VI.

...pton results

...N STAKES (Div I: ...2637: 5f)

...f. by Green God ...(W. Tang), 8-11 ...Eddery (20-1) 1 ...Tumble Wind— ...e "White Hart ...", 9-0 ...Baxter (8-13) 2 ...Singing Bede— ...G. Steinberg), ...Duffield (14-1) 3 ...Bohola Boy, 12-1 ...4-1 Fort Lonesome. ...of Des, 16-1 Phyl... ...Frankly, Stable Star. ...6: places, 45p, 11p. ...56p. S. Supple at

ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Mrs Trotter, 9-2 Jubilant, 6-1 Annathena, 8-1 Calpaddy, 14-1 Blue Kingsmill, Canyon Ride, 16-1 Seriema (4th), 20-1 Antique Seeker, Lucky Flambro, Street Girl, 33-1 Bonnie Bonita, Continental Divide, Follow The Brave, Rebecca Maid. 17 ran.

TOTE: Win, £4.36; places, £1.00, 37p, 15p; dual forecast (with any other horse), £7.65. N. Adam, at Melton Mowbray. Sht hd, 5l.

...CKTON HANDICAP ...5yd)

...h. by Hillary— ...Hunter), 6-9-1 ...Howe (5-1 fav) 1 ...Great Nephew— ...G. Davison), ...nnington (11-1) 2 ...b f, by Raising— ...(W. Marshall) ...J. Morel (8-1) 3 ...Jacks Birthday, 8-1 ...ldon Bond, Canny ...b, 14-1 Jolly King, ...16-1 Spanish Nun, ...(4th), I'm Hoping. ...rns. 15 ran. ...: places, 24p, 56p. ...£1.26. G. Hunter ...d.

4.15 (4.19) MOLINEUX HANDICAP (1,167: 7f)

Fettered, b c, by Manacle—Anstrevka (G. Waddingham), 4-7-11 ... M. L. Thomas (11-4 fav) 1

Breathing Exercise, ch h, by Pall-Mall—Karen Chase (Lewis Cowan "TA" ld), 5-8-10 ... S. Rutland (9-1) 2

Festival Hall, b h, by Habitat—Symphonie (J. Hayter), 5-9-5 ... F. Durr (17-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 13-2 Merry Musketeer, 9-1 Pams Gleam, 12-1 First Bend, 13-1 Aston Fire, 16-1 Miss Kung Fu, Tin Miner, 20-1 Western Spring, 35-1 Jackoleon (4th), Mamet Saba, Perfect Fit, Humble Court, Melox, Raw Deal, Father's Footprints. 17 ran.

TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 11p, £1.30, 36p; dual forecast, £8.29. N. Vigors, at Upper Lambourn. 3l, 4l.

...FRUNA HANDICAP ...5f)

...r Burglar—Dawn ...ce), 7-7 ...J. Blanks (6-1) 1 ...by Forum—Sheet ...r), 8-10 ...P. Young (12-1) 2 ...c, by Comedy ...Haine), 8-5 ...P. Winter (6-1) 3 ...1 fav Albert Phillip ...urse, 11-2 Hilariana, ...aker, 12-1 Durcott ...addi, Nippy Kelly, ...5-1 The Old Coaster, ...Bazaar, Sarena ...1.06; places, 34p, ...forecast (with any ...A. Pitt, at Epsom.

4.45 (4.50) BIRCHES BRIDGE STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £741: 1m 1f)

Nonchalant, b c, by Wolver Hollow—Aspasie (T. Al-Said), 9-0 ... A. Kimberley (5-1) 1

Bradden, ch f, by King Emperor—Our Reproach (R. Sangster), 8-11 ... E. Johnson (5-1) 2

Tipstaff, b c, by Busted—Pale Carnation (A. Oldrey), 9-0 ... P. Eddery (10-11) 3

ALSO RAN: 10-1 Ashcroft, 16-1 Palikari, Singing Top, 25-1 Ilham, 33-1 Hurakan (4th), Cape Hatteras, Oxford Don, Spring Easy, Birichina, Kutani. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 18p, 24p, 11p; dual forecast, £3.89. J. Hindley, at Newmarket. ¾l, 1½l. Dom Perignon did not run.

...NG STAKES (Div I: ...llies: £725: 7f)

...by Gold Rod— ...T. Newton), 8-11 ...Madden (20-1) 1 ...by Derring Do ...ection (D. Laff... ...Duffield (7-1) 2 ...by Bold Lad— ...Insoll), 8-11 ...Roberts (16-1) 3

5.15 (5.22) RYTON STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o maidens: £637: 5f)

Purple Mark, ch f, by On Your Mark—Purple Heron (W. Gredley), 8-11 ... E. Hide (8-1) 1

Early Days, b f, by Runnymede—Petal Princes (Mrs J. Agar), 8-6 ... M. Wigham (20-1) 2

Best of Marks, ch c, by Lorenzaccio—Round Eye (John M. Marks Ltd), 9-0 ... B. Rouse (8-13) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Foul Fella, 9-1 High Bird, 14-1 Spellbound, Zypon, 20-1 Whisky Go Go (4th), Cap Too, Cyneiva View, Meadows Gift. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 98p; places, 64p, 82p, 11p; dual forecast, £6.83. C. Brittain, at Newmarket. Hd, 2½l.

5.40 (5.49) SPRING STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o fillies: £724: 7f)

Edith Rose, b f, by Cheval—Impatiens (Mrs D. Hughes), 8-11 ... D. Yates (25-1) 1

Call Me Kate, b f, by Firestreak—Elected (R. Buckley), 8-4 ... J. Blanks (20-1) 2

Tripos, ch f, by Arts and Letters—First Feather (P. Mellon), 8-11 ... J. Mathias (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Green Review (4th), 7-2 Rozanova, 10-1 Tribal Edition, 20-1 Black Symphony, 25-1 Charlotte Helen, Friendly Chic, Marushka, Midsummer Queen, My Bally-Anna, Princess Glory, Shemala. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, £3.80; places, 89p, 13p, 25p; dual forecast, £3.20 with any other horse. V. Cross, at Stockbridge. 3l, 3½l. Little Jet and Lady Abbis did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Night Owl and Fettered, £59.90. TREBLE: Gurney Slade, Ladyroid and Nonchalant, £1.36. Jackpot not won. Pool carried forward, £3,860.50.

Hexham NH

2.30 (2.33) LOWGATE HURDLE (£406: 2m)

Sweet and Ugly, b f, by High Table—Guld Tassie (W. Storey), 4-10-0 ... A. Dickman (20-1) 1
General Mills, R. F. Davies (20-1) 2
Paisboy ... D. Atkins (7-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Faro Up, 8-1 Trim Lowns, Wells Fargo, 10-1 Just About, 11-1 Toughie, 12-1 Rissing, 14-1 Modigliani, 16-1 Pleasure Seeker, Howe Lane, 20-1 Marsh Hoy, Some Hazard (p), Castle Pride, Never Flap, Miss Bagley, Perna, Laughing Fox, Monchique. 20 ran. The winner was sold for 900 gns.

TOTE: Win, £3.04; places, 26p, 51p, 11p, 12p; Dual forecast, £1.45 with any other horse. Nk, 4l. W. Storey, at Consett.

3.0 (3.2) ANICK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £809: 2½m)

Cala Llonga, b g, by David Jack—Fragrant (Mrs C. Wright), 7-10-4 ... M. Lowry (9-2) 1
Arctic Challenge, ... Mr P. Craggs (9-4 fav) 2
Chandigar ... R. Barry (13-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Golden Express, 7-1 Soutra (u), 12-1 Marcus Lady (4th), 33-1 Code Of Honour, Peapack. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 12p, 11p, 56p; Dual forecast, 33p. 20l, 1½l. J. Fitzgerald, at Malton.

3.30 (3.30) WARDEN HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £469: 2m)

Islander, ch h, by Reiko—Antigua (Mrs C. Weir), 6-11-5 ... C. Tinkler (8-1) 1
Bobby Kampinski, A. Flint (7-2) 2
Bescianella, J. J. O'Neill (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Claude Lorrain, 10-1 Christine Jane, 12-1 Briareus, 14-1 Milan City, 16-1 Skegby, 20-1 Prima Slip (4th), Saucy Prince, Tycoonello, 25-1 The Captain's Rest, Arctic Hill, 33-1 Festive Star, Langdale Chase, Sandman, Still Wishing (f), Sturdy Lad, Pride O'Laurence. 19 ran.

TOTE: Win, 60p; places, 17p, 38p, 12p; Dual forecast, 92p. Ld Klimany, at Cupar, Fife. Captain's Table, Golden Seabird did not run. 2l, 7l.

4.0 (4.2) CHESTERWOOD STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £475: 3m)

Elf Trout, b m, by Elf Arrow—Venturous Trout (R. Stephenson), 9-11-7 Mr D. Kinsella (5-2 fav) 1
High Rebel, Mr C. Cundall (14-1) 2
Lady Annapurna, Mr G. Halder (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 Verona Bay, 6-1 Snow River (4th), 12-1 Harry Hillis (f), 14-1 Border Skirmish (p), 16-1 Morning Bloom, 25-1 Ballywalter (p), Luctig, Royal Traco, Scot Free, Old Tot. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 74p; places, 26p, 44p, 18p; dual forecast, £2.03. R. Stephenson, Malton. 7l, 6l.

4.30 (4.36) WARDEN HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £465: 2m)

Yellow Fire, ch g, by Yellow God—Glorious Yight (S. Jones), 5-12-1 ... Mr G. Sloan (5-2 fav) 1
Mystic Star, ... J. Doyle (7-1) 2
Cape Felix, ... T. P. Walsh (3-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Granny's Gift (4th), 8-1 Purple Haze, 12-1 Satan's Serenade, 16-1 Four Pals, Lady Val, Oakham (f), 20-1 Jester's Night, Lucker Chimes, 33-1 Albany Way, Dodsey Wood, Dunquatral, Livsol, Royal Maid, Sweet Georgette, Backgammon Boy, Firopath. 19 ran.

TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 38p, 14p, 31p; Duel forecast, £1.81. P. Rohan, Malton. ¾l, 5l. Preclate did not run.

5.0 (5.6) ACOMB STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £792: 3m)

Lord Brae, b g, by probably New Brig—Bridesbrae (Mrs F. Tate), 7-11-11 Mr T. Tate (3-1 jt fav) 1
Shirelle, ... J. J. O'Neill (6-1) 2
Wagner, ... G. Faulkner (3-1 jt fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 Carnival Day (4th), 10-1 Salkeld, 12-1 Illecanus, 16-1 Nobel Hart, 33-1 Blackcap (u), Drumeen, 50-1 Guinea Star (f), Kentmere, Cagirs Cleuch, Galahill, Romany Chase, Swift Half. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 68p; places, 30p, 20p, 37p; Dual forecast, £1.63. T. Tate. ½l, 1½l. Daring Eve did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Islander, Yellow Fire, £7.65. TREBLE: Cala Llonga, Elf-Trout, Lord Brae, £31.85.

...s without a partner

...s Phillips's bad ...adminton horses ...sterday when his ...Greylag, offered ...ast Thursday, was ...the trials, starting ...ire on Thursday, ...mes winner of the ...inally due to ride ...I Persian Holiday, ...were pulled out ...ause they were ...nfit. Hill, one of ...event trainers, offered the 12-year-old Greylag, usually ridden by his daughter Kade, to allow Phillips, a candidate for a World Championship team, to tackle the Badminton course.

Yesterday, however, it was discovered that the horse has developed a leg condition which will not respond to treatment in time. Phillips will, therefore, have to be content with the role of spectator while Princess Anne competes with two horses, Goodwill and Flame Gun.

Olympic Games

Los Angeles will have to comply with rules of IOC

Mexico City, April 10.—Lord Killanin, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), will meet representatives of Los Angeles here tomorrow and Wednesday in an attempt to head off a dispute which could result in the Californian city's offer to stage the 1984 Olympics being rejected.

Although Los Angeles is the only applicant for the 1984 Games the IOC would be ready to throw out its offer and invite applications from other cities.

Los Angeles feel they should take over entire authority and responsibility for the Games. This means they would receive all television revenue. This is in defiance of IOC rules. The Californian delegation decided to meet Lord Killanin here to resolve the conflict. Lord Killanin was here for an IOC solidarity committee meeting. The IOC president was seconded by Tom Keller, president of the general assembly of International Sports Federations, who indicated in London last week at a European conference of sports ministers, that he would oppose Los Angeles if they insisted on defying IOC rules.

When he arrived here Lord Killanin tried to minimize the importance of the dispute. He said the meeting was arranged simply to clear up one or two points.

Montreal, April 10.—Montreal is prepared to stage the 1984 summer Olympic Games if Los Angeles changes its mind, according to the Mayor Jean Drapeau. "If the city of Los Angeles should take back its candidancy and if the IOC opens another period of bidding, Montreal will not make any new bids", Mr Drapeau told 1,300 political supporters at a dinner here. "But if during that period of bidding no other city comes forward and we are asked if we are interested, then I will reply, certainly we are interested", the mayor said to enthusiastic applause.—Agence France-Presse and Reuter.

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House of Lords

Provocation as defence to murder: boy's age a relevant factor

Director of Public Prosecutions v Camplin

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest, Lord Simon of Glaisdale, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton and Lord Scarman

[Speeches delivered April 6]

Where a boy of 15 charged with murder relies on the defence of provocation, under section 3 of the Homicide Act, 1957, the trial judge should direct the jury, who alone have to decide whether a "reasonable man" would do as the accused did, that they should take into account the accused's age and other characteristics.

In so deciding, the House of Lords indicated that three of their Lordships' recent decisions should no longer be considered as authority on the law of provocation, in view of the changes made by the Act.

They dismissed an appeal by the Director of Public Prosecutions from the Court of Appeal (*The Times*, July 28; [1977] 3 WLR 929) which had allowed an appeal by Paul Camplin against his conviction at Leeds Crown Court (Mr Justice Boreham and a jury) of the murder of Mohammed Lal Khan, aged 50, a Pakistani labourer, when he was 15. The court had allowed the appeal on the ground that the judge had misdirected the jury on the boy's defence of provocation, in telling them that the test under section 3 required them to decide whether a reasonable man of full age and maturity would have reacted in the way the boy did to whatever provocation the jury found established. The jury returned a verdict of murder.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Bridge, Mr Justice Willis and Mr Justice Crichton) quashed the conviction for murder and substituted a conviction of manslaughter.

Section 3 provides: "Where on a charge of murder there is evidence on which the jury can find that the person charged was provoked (whether by things done or by things said or by both together) to lose his self-control, the question whether the provocation was enough to make a reasonable man do as he did shall be left to be determined by the jury; and in determining that question the jury shall take into account everything both done and said according to the effect which, in their opinion, it would have on a reasonable man."

The Court of Appeal had certified that a point of law of general public importance was involved: "Whether, on the prosecution for murder of a boy of 15, where the issue of provocation arises, the jury should be directed to consider the question, under section 3 of the 1957 Act, whether the provocation was enough to make a reasonable man do as he did by reference to a reasonable adult or by reference to a reasonable boy of 15."

Mr Barry Mortimer, QC, and Mr P. J. Charlesworth for the Crown; Mr Geoffrey Baker, QC, and Mr James S. H. Stewart for Camplin.

LORD DIPLOCK said that Camplin, then 15, killed a Pakistani by splitting his skull with a chapati pan—a heavy kitchen utensil like a rimless frying pan—when they were alone together in the deceased's flat. At his trial for murder his only defence was provocation such as to reduce the offence to manslaughter. His story in the witness box, which differed from that to the police, was that the deceased had buggered him in spite of his resistance and then laughed at him: whereupon he lost his self-control and attacked the deceased fatally with the pan.

Mr Baker had suggested to the jury that when they considered whether the provocation was enough to make a reasonable man do what Camplin had done they should consider not the reaction of a reasonable adult but that of a reasonable boy of Camplin's age. The judge thought that was wrong in law; and he instructed the jury that they must consider whether "... the provocation was sufficient to make a reasonable man in like circumstances act as the defendant did. ... Not a reasonable boy, as Mr Baker would have it, or a reasonable lad: it is an objective test—a reasonable man." The Court of Appeal had held that that was a misdirection.

The doctrine of provocation had a long history of evolution at common law, the changes being entirely the consequence of judicial decision until Parliament intervened by passing the Homicide Act, 1957. Section 3, which dealt specifically with provocation, altered the law as expounded in the cases, including three decided comparatively recently in the House: *Mancini v DPP* ([1942] AC 1); *Holmes v DPP* ([1946] AC 588); and *Bedder v DPP* ([1954] 1 WLR 1119). One question was to what extent propositions on the law of provocation laid down in those cases, and particularly in *Bedder*, ought to be treated as of undiminished authority, despite the passing of the Act.

The doctrine of provocation originated at common law at a period when the penalty for murder was death, and resulted, as Chief Justice Tindal had put it in *Hayward's* case ((183) 6 C & P 157), from "the law's compassion for human infirmity". The human infirmity on which the law first took compassion appeared to have been chance medley or a sudden falling out in a violent age when men who bore weapons for their own protection fell out and fought on equal terms. It had been extended to other circumstances; but, with two exceptions, actual violence offered by the deceased to the accused remained the badge of provocation right up to the 1957 Act. The two exceptions were the discovery by a husband of his wife in the act of adultery and the discovery by a father of someone committing sodomy on his son; but apart from those, insulting words or gestures unaccompanied by physical attack did not in law amount to provocation.

The "reasonable man" was used by Mr Justice Keating in *R v Welsh* ((1869) 11 Cox CC 366) as the embodiment of the standard of self-control required by the criminal law of persons exposed to provocation. But it never became a term of legal art in criminal law.

From 1914 the test whether the defence of provocation was entitled to succeed was a dual one. The conduct of the deceased to the accused had to be such as (1) might cause in any reasonable or ordinary person and (2) actually caused in the accused person a sudden and temporary loss of self-control, as a result of which he committed the unlawful killing. But until the 1957 Act there was a condition precedent: the deceased's conduct had to be of a kind capable in law of constituting provocation; and whether or not it was a question for the judge, not the jury. The House so held in *Mancini*. As recently as 1946 the House in *Holmes* had confirmed that, save in the most extreme circumstances, words alone were incapable in law of constituting provocation.

That was the state of the law when *Bedder* was considered by the House. The accused, who was sexually impotent, had killed a prostitute after, according to his evidence, she had taunted him with his failure to have intercourse, and there had been a struggle in which she had slapped his face, punched him in the stomach, and kicked him in the groin; whereupon he had taken a knife from his pocket and stabbed her fatally. The trial judge instructed the jury to ignore the fact that the accused was impotent when considering whether the dead woman's conduct amounted to such provocation as would cause a reasonable or ordinary person to lose his self-control. The Court of Criminal Appeal approved the summing up, as also did the House.

Section 3 was intended to mitigate the harshness of the common law of provocation as developed by those decisions. The section retained the dual test; but it abolished all previous rules as to what could or could not amount to provocation and in particular the rule of law that words unaccompanied by violence could not do so; and it made clear that if there was evidence that the accused himself at the time of the act which caused the death in fact lost his self-control in consequence of some provocation, then, however slight it might appear to the trial judge, he was bound to leave to the jury the question—which was one of opinion and not of law—whether a reasonable man might have reacted to that provocation.

The public policy underlying the adoption of the "reasonable man" in the common law provocation doctrine was to reduce the incidence of fatal violence by preventing a person from relying on his own exceptional pugnacity or excitability as an excuse for loss of self-control. The test had been preserved in the 1957 Act but had now to be applied in a context significantly changed by the Act.

For the purpose of the law of provocation the "reasonable man" had never been confined to the adult man. It meant an ordinary person of either sex, not exceptionally excitable or pugnacious, but possessed of such powers of self-control as everyone was entitled to expect his fellow citizens would exercise in society as it was today.

Now that the law permitted words to be treated as provocation even though unaccompanied by any other acts, the gravity of verbal provocation might well depend on the particular characteristics or circumstances of the person to whom a taunt or insult was addressed. To taunt a person because of his race, physical infirmities, or some shameful incident in his past might well be considered by the jury to be more offensive to the person addressed, however equable his temperament, if the facts on which the taunt was founded were true than it would be if they were not true.

If the jury could not consider all those factors which would in their opinion affect the gravity of taunts or insults when applied to the particular person to whom they were addressed, it would stultify much of the mitigation of the previous harshness of the common law in ruling out verbal provocation as capable of reducing murder to manslaughter. To that extent the unqualified proposition accepted by the House in *Bedder*, that for the purpose of the "reasonable man" test any unusual physical characteristics of the accused must be ignored, required revision as a result of the Act.

That Camplin was only 15 at the time of the killing was the relevant characteristic of the accused in the instant case—a characteristic which might have its effects on temperament as well as physique. If the jury thought that the same power of self-control was not to be expected in an ordinary average or normal boy of 15 as in an older person, were they to treat the lesser powers of self-control of the normal boy of 15 as the standard of self-control with which the conduct of the accused was to be compared? To require old heads on young shoulders was inconsistent with the law's "compassion to human infirmity"—to which the provocation doctrine had been ascribed more than two centuries ago.

There was no direct authority before the Act that stated expressly that the age of the accused could not be taken into account in determining the standard of self-control for the "reasonable man" test. The Court of Appeal had distinguished *Bedder* in the instant case on the ground that what that case said must be ignored was an unusual characteristic that distinguished the accused from ordinary normal persons, whereas nothing could be more ordinary or normal than to be aged 15. But his Lordship thought that the proposition stated in *Bedder* required qualification since the changes made by the 1957 Act. To try to salve what could remain of it without conflict with the Act could only lead to unnecessary complexity in a question which was now for the jury alone. *Bedder*, like *Mancini* and *Holmes*, ought no longer to be treated as authority on the law of provocation.

His Lordship considered a proper direction to a jury would be on the following lines. The judge should state what the question was, using the very terms of the section. He should then explain to them that the reasonable man referred to was a person having the power of self-control to be expected of an ordinary person of the sex and age of the accused, but in other respects sharing such of the accused's characteristics as they thought would affect the gravity of the provocation to him; and that the question was not merely whether such a person would in like circumstances be provoked to lose his self-control but also would react to the provocation as the accused did.

His Lordship therefore agreed with the Court of Appeal that the judge ought not to have instructed the jury to pay no account to the age of the accused even though they themselves might be of opinion that the degree of self-control to be expected in a boy of that age was less than in an adult. So to direct them was to impose a fetter on the right and duty of the jury which the Act accorded to them, to act on their own opinion on the matter. The appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Morris and Lord Simon delivered speeches concurring in dismissing the appeal, and Lord Fraser and Lord Scarman agreed with Lord Diplock.

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Improvement in employment the key objective in overall strategy embarked upon in EEC

House of Commons

The main focus of the discussions at the European Council of heads of government of the EEC was the unemployment of both human and material resources, Mr James Callaghan, the Prime Minister, said in a statement on the meeting.

The Council, held in Copenhagen at the end of last week, agreed that the direct elections to the European Assembly should be held on the dates of June 7 to June 10, 1979, each member state choosing its customary day. For Britain that would be Thursday, June 7, 1979.

Mr Callaghan, said—The growth rate of the Community during 1977 was 1.9 per cent and it was agreed that we should develop a common strategy designed to reverse this unsatisfactory situation.

The strategy should cover five broad areas—economic and monetary affairs, employment, energy, trade and relations with the developing world—similar to those I recently suggested to President Carter, as areas in which the industrial world needs to take collective action. It is the Council's view that agreement in these fields would be an important contribution to world economic recovery, higher economic growth and the creation of new jobs.

The Council laid stress on the need to prevent inflation as part of the same objective.

It was decided to aim for a Community growth rate of 4.5 per cent by the middle of 1979 and to define the margin of manoeuvre that would be open to member states as a result of coordinating their actions. The possibilities should be known when the Council next meets in Bremen in July. It was agreed to recommend a doubling of the capital of the European Investment Bank.

An improvement in the general employment situation would be a key objective of such a common overall strategy. The Council agreed to examine whether work sharing measures should have a supplementary part to play in alleviating the present grave employment problems.

There was a discussion on the European aspects of what are called "industries in distress" and agreement to set up tripartite committees on a European basis made up of governments, employers and trade unions to overcome the serious problems of structural overcapacity and to restore the industries to world competitiveness.

Work is being set in hand on these matters and on the imbalances of current account surpluses and deficits which lead to currency instability; as well as on measures to reduce demand and increase supplies of energy in the Community. It was also recognized that there is a need to reach a successful conclusion on the present multiracial trade negotiations and for an overall increase in capital flows to the developing countries.

It is intended that conclusions on these matters should be reported to the next European Council in Bremen early in July. This meeting will be followed by an economic summit meeting between the United States, Canada, Japan, Germany, France, Italy and the United Kingdom in Bonn on July 16 and 17. It will thus be possible to present a European dimension to the wider summit.

I am glad to say that the agreed statement announcing the wider summit also recognizes the need for concerted and mutually supportive action in the main areas I have mentioned and the participants agree to develop their policies so as to take account of this, both in preparing for the July meeting and in any action they take meanwhile. The Budget to be introduced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer tomorrow will take this into account.

This recognition of common purpose must now ge reflected in the work that will take place and must lead to concrete actica in the coming months and at the July summit. The discussions so far held with heads of governments within and outside the Community has now to be made effective by policy measures which taken together will offer the best chance of bringing about a change in the direction of the world economy, and an improvement in world confidence.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—As there appears to have been a great deal of discussion on international currency and exchange rates, and a good deal of confusion in the reports, is there any change in Government policy of allowing exchange rates to float either against all currencies, or specifically against those of our European partners?

At the Downing Street summit there was a communiqué which said protection would foster unemployment, increase inflation and undermine the welfare of our peoples. Is that still the Prime Minister's view for a country which exports as much as we do?

Mr Callaghan—The President of the Commission (Mr Roy Jenkins) and others have put forward proposals on exchange rates. Copenhagen is rather an ill-omen place for these kind of proposals, I seem to recall. I would be happy to examine proposals for lessening the turbulence in the exchange markets.

We must be clear that such lessening does not by itself either promote growth or reduce unemployment. Present Government policies continue. There are always ideas being bruited about, but that is all at present.

On trade protection, I find growing concern among a number of heads of government about this matter.

Mr Bryan Gould (Southampton, Test, Lab)—Can he confirm we are not likely either as move towards economic and monetary union or otherwise, to reenter the currency snake? Any efforts to reestablish stability in world currency markets should be made in conjunction with the United States, Canada and Japan.

Mr Callaghan I am not aware of any proposition that we should reenter the currency snake. I have expressed my view to President Carter that, if it is at all possible, it is far better to regulate the currency markets on a world basis including the dollar, rather than excluding the dollar from our consideration.

Mr John Roper (Farnworth, Lab)—Did he review the state of progress in the Community's negotiations with Japan over trade matters and were they satisfied with the state of negotiations?

Mr Callaghan—We were not satisfied with the state of negotiations. The Japanese surplus looks like being extremely large again in the current year which is bound to make for greater problems in securing some stability in the currency markets. The Commission has therefore been asked to take the matter up again with the Japanese.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L)—The EEC is the only world trading power which has its own internal exchange rate difficulties. Was consideration given to pooling part of the reserves of the Nine to act as an exchange stabilization fund?

Was any consideration given to producing a new unit of account—a parallel European currency—to be used on a financial basis?

Mr Callaghan—Exchange rate difficulties spring from the fact there are nine sovereign countries. If we obliterated exchange rate difficulties it would not mean we would have an equal rate of growth throughout Europe.

We have to be careful finding solutions. I cannot say there are any discussions about the proposals at a head of government level on his proposals. I am sure discussions are rightly going on about this matter. We want to overcome these problems if possible without hampering our own economic progress.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East, C)—As he has conceded that the unemployment rate here is much higher than that in other EEC member states, pro rata, what specific proposals on unemployment did he make in these economic discussions?

Mr Callaghan—The comparisons constantly made across the floor always neglect the fact that the increase in unemployment since 1973, the measuring rod I take, has been as great or greater in some other countries as here. But we are all agreed that tendencies in all countries are the same; some are at a different stage.

Prospects for unemployment in the 1980s will still cause all countries the greatest concern. So we discussed, or asked our colleagues to discuss, the possibilities of, among other things, work sharing and creation of jobs in other ways. I hope for a more detailed report in July.

Mr Neil Marten (Banbury, C)—Since July, 1975, there have been nine summit meetings and a large communique which I read today mentions unemployment and growth. Yet precisely nothing seems to have happened. Does not this illustrate the ineffectiveness of this type of cooperation?

Mr Callaghan—He has a point, although I would not say these discussions are ineffective. It illustrates the common nature of the problem which affects the Western world and illustrates, too, the difficulty of finding a solution because all the countries concerned want to find a solution.

I do not know that we have yet found one but I am not ready to sit back and do nothing. That is why I have been trying to put forward a collective plan for concerted international action.

Mr John Biffen (Oswestry, C)—On currency exchange, there is nothing so turbulent as a government forlornly trying to defend a fixed rate which has parted from market reality. Will he remind the President of the Commission that this country is sufficiently jealous of its ability to decide what are the appropriate patterns of taxation of this country and to hold this Government accountable for the money supply? It will not lightly trade in either of these for some scheme of economic and monetary union.

Mr Callaghan—That is not a complete analysis. It is axiomatic that you cannot defend a fixed rate if it is unreal. But he seems to neglect the great forces of the market today, especially in the Eurodollar area. I hope he will not be so moved by market forces to say we should stand helpless in the face of these gales.

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lab) asked if all obstacles to direct elections had now been removed.

Mr Callaghan—All the proper decisions have not yet been taken. The Bill is still to complete its progress through the House. It will then be necessary to ratify the decision under Article 10 of the Council Act. That will require another action by the House and other countries have to do the same. Only Denmark and Ireland have so far completed all the procedures.

A welcome increase in industrial investment

Investment in manufacturing industry had increased under the Labour Government when compared with that in the last year of the Conservative Government, Mr Robert Cryer, Under Secretary for Industry, said. He added that it was the Conservatives who had put a cloak of secrecy over figures of aid given to private industry.

He had told Mr David Knox (Leek, C)—Total investment by manufacturing industry in 1977 is estimated to have been £1,761m at 1970 prices. It represents an increase of 8 per cent over 1976.

This is a welcome increase but we intend to maintain our active support for industrial investment, in particular our wide range of selective assistance.

By the beginning of March this year, a total of £247m of assistance had been offered by my department since April 1, 1974, through industry schemes operated under section 8 of the Industry Act, 1972. The total industrial investment associated with this assistance amounts to £1,528m.

Since April 1, 1974, to October 31, 1977, £276m has been offered under section 7 of the Industry Act, 1972, to assist 2,894 projects with a total project cost of £2,865m.

Mr Knox—If investment in manufacturing industry is lower in real terms than in 1974, what is he doing to restore confidence in industry and to increase demand for its products without which a higher investment level will not take place?

Mr Cryer (Keighley, Lab)—The investment level at 1970 prices in 1977 was £1,761m, as opposed to £1,730m, the figure for the last full year of the Tory Government. Therefore, the level of investment under this Government has increased as compared to that in the last year under the Tories.

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk (Ormskirk, Lab)—When handouts of public money are given to private industry the public have a right to know not only the amount but the actual names of the firms to whom it goes. In these cases, we should take an equity stake in these companies.

Mr Cryer—Under the Conservative 1972 Industry Act money was given to companies in secrecy. They were the ones who put a cloak of secrecy over publication of the figures.

This Government, in July 1974, determined to move towards a more open position and figures over £10,000 and over £25,000 in some categories are now published after payment in the weekly publication *Trade and Industry*.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, an Opposition spokesman on industry (Rushcliffe, C)—Mr Knox showed that in real terms the figures are disappointing and underline the failure of a policy which over-relies on direct investment of taxpayers' money by the Government.

What is needed to revive investment in British industry is better profit ability levels, better market prospects and confidence. None of these have ever been provided by this Government.

Mr Cryer—I am not surprised at his propaganda. But if the current figures are disappointing, he must have been even more disappointed by his own Government's record. In 1972 the figures were lower and, in 1973, extremely low. It illbehoves him to make these churlish remarks.

For a change, could not the Opposition, instead of continual propaganda against this Government's and the country's achievements, try to assess the country's position objectively and recognize the advance under this Government?

Leyland to get further financial aid: compa failing to generate sufficient funds itself

The total employment in industries in which the National Enterprise Board had a stake was more than 330,000, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said when moving orders to increase the financial limit of the NEB from £700m to £1,000m and to make a further £150m available to British Leyland.

He said the measures were necessary so that the NEB could meet the capital requirements of British Leyland and the other companies for which it was responsible as well as undertake its wider statutory purposes.

The Government objective remained unchanged, that British Leyland should become a viable manufacturer, independent of public funds in 1980.

During the period since the Government rescued British Leyland to the end of last month the company had borrowed £150m of the £1,000m envisaged in the Ryder report. The poor car performance had meant the company had failed to generate significant funds for its own new investment.

From March, 1977, to late March, 1978, British Leyland had received only £50m from public funds. The NEB had decided, quite rightly, last October that it should not make available the remaining £50m of the £100m provided last July until the new board put forward its new corporate plan.

These sums (he said) are clearly inadequate to assist the investment needed by any company with ambitions to remain a substantial volume car producer.

Even the provision of £450m, determined by the NEB after careful consideration, would mean that some parts of the modernization programme had to be cut back.

The NEB and Government had concluded that the annual funding decisions would be determined by overall assessment of performance against the targets and the company's prospects.

Obviously since the question of productivity and the state of industrial relations had direct bearing on performance these would be two important factors that would have to be taken into account when determining future funding. The Government intended that in future years funding decisions should be made annually as the basis of a report each November, beginning this November.

It had been suggested that profitable parts of Leylands be sold back to private enterprise. But special products industries, Rover/Jaguar cars, the bus and truck division, were not for sale.

The House would have noted with satisfaction the NEB chairman's announcement last week that Rolls-Royce made a pre-tax profit last year of £20m.

The contract with Pan American World Airlines was the most significant order which Rolls-Royce had obtained for their RB 211 engine in recent years. The immediate prospect for the company's civil business, of which the RB 211 was the mainstay, looked promising so long as the company remained competitive.

At the end of 1977 (he went on) we received the company's corporate plan. That was made available to the NEB and together with the NEB's own recommendations we are considering the whole future of Rolls-Royce and its future technical and commercial strategy and expect to receive proposals quite soon for a major new development programme currently being considered by the NEB.

The company has come a long way since it was brought into public ownership in the early 1970s. We have shown our faith in its potential by supporting it. Recent events have justified this faith and we are confident that Rolls-Royce can continue as one of the world's leading suppliers of aero engines and we shall do all we can to make this possible.

The NEB's role in the coming years was first to ensure the success of their original major subsidiares; second, to set itelf to expand the national strategy in a number of growth industries; third, to stimulate the growth of exports by encouraging marketing ventures.

The NEB was confident that it could achieve a target yield of 15 to 20 per cent by 1981. In doing so there was every hope that it could make an important contribution to sustaining the economic future of the country, improve competitiveness, and provide employment.

If the House could not provide assurances for the NEB and for British Leyland then the prospects for British Leyland were at risk. They needed to do everything they could to restore confidence in British Leyland and they could not do this by means of drip feeding.

A vote against this much needed investment would be a vote against Britain's one nationally-owned major vehicle assembly. It would be interpreted in some quarters as a vote of no confidence in this country's largest export earner.

It would be a vote which could be interpreted as depriving several hundreds of thousnads of workers of their jobs. The essential thing was to restore confidence in British Leyland. He thought a good start had been made. The company's market share over the last month reached 31 per cent, it was only 21 per cent in January.

A vote in this House (he said) would help to restore consumer confidence in British Leyland both at home and abroad.

Sir Keith Joseph, Opposition spokesman on industry (Leeds, North-East, C), said that Mr Varley had made a disingenuous speech. He had tried, without telling any truth, to tell the House that without the extra money for the National Enterprise Board, some part of the extra money proposed for British Leyland would not be available. That was plainly untrue.

When the Secretary of State sought such vast extra sums from the taxpayer, it behoved him to present a decent record of achievement and a programme of intention such as Labour MPs would expect of any bank or stockbroker in the City to lay when seeking money.

They all wanted British Leyland to succeed, but that did not mean that it was right, in the interest of the taxpayer, to go beyond a certain point for finance if British Leyland failed to play their part in providing, as they had already failed to play their part in providing, their contribution to funds for investment and working capital.

Except in the rarest cases and for the shortest possible time, subsidies to industry did more harm than good.

There was always a possibility that it was sensible to transfer money from taxpayers for a particular purpose, but Mr Varley had not made out the case for NEB. The taxpayer was being asked to find £450m this year and £400m next without being able to check, during the spending of that money and before the next slice was released, the degree to which NEB or British Leyland were living up to their intentions.

Anxieties focused on the retained earnings which British Leyland pledged themselves to find as their contribution towards extra finance. Of the £2,000m covered by the Corporate plan, no less than £850m was to come from retained earnings.

This could be done, but would it? The record of ptst similar pledges from retained earnings had not been fulfilled. The design, quality and productivity had to be right otherwise the taxpayer would be stumping-up more money, or there wold have to be changes.

It was to redce the call upon taxpayers that he thouught it might have been sensiuble to lift some of the needs of investment money on to the shoulders of the private sector. Mr Varley had been fierce about the possibility of letting any of the profitable parts of Leyland finance others. There had been no sinister motives, and Mr Varley was taking an inconsiderate attitude to the taxpayer.

The Opposition did not like the state pumping with the taxpayers' money. [Conservative cheers.] There were plenty of agencies offering investors' funds to business and there was no evidence that in this capacity there was any need for the NEB.

The Opposition thought it was shameful for the Secretary of State and the Government to use British Leyland and its needs as a camouflage for the NEB order.

It was a ridiculous and farcical position that a Labour Government and trade union leaders who together had imposed on business and enterprise curb upon curb, discouragement upon discouragement, obstaclee upon obstacle, high taxation, an avalanche of controls and regulations, and luddism, and who by this blanket discouragement had reduced the inherent dynamic capacity of private enterprise to create jobs and prosperity and higher living standards, should ask the NEB to make it good by intervention by the state.

The Opposition wanted British Leyland to succeed and backed the efforts being made. They would not stand in the way of the proposed order. But on the NEB, which had already provided the bulk of the money proposed for British Leyland, he hoped Conservative MPs would vote against extending its funds, not for British Leyland, but for generally buying into British business. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Geoffrey Robinson (Coventry, North-West, Lab) said there was a growing resurgence of confidence among the British Leyland workforce in the new management and the new organizational structure that had been imposed. Management must realize that gaining the confidence of the men would only be done by integrity and competence on a sustained basis by management.

The Government should adopt the approach of the French Government towards Renault over the past 27 years. Since 1950 the company's total profit had been £44m, but employment had increased by 120 per cent and was 70,000 more than British Leyland, exports had increased 2,000 per cent to nearly a million cars a year.

The extraordinary good investment by the French had produced substantial national benefits and been achieved because their Government had a sustained purpose.

They wanted to give Mr Edwarde sand other people who shared his purpose every chance of success. The Opposition should not stand in the way of the Section 8 order for direct money to British Leyland.

Mr Peter Walker (Worcester, C) said he agreed on the vital importance of British Leyland succeeding. It was desperately important that they back the attempts the company was making. If there was no such backing and success the increased costs in unemployment and social welfare payments and the effect on the balance of payments position would mean there could not be additional money for other firms who might make better use of it than British Leyland.

He favoured the equity system of putting money into the company. Having kept a quotation for the company, and a small private sector, the Government might consider, when industrial relations improved, some form of equity to be given to employees. That would reward people for their cooperation and collaboration in the difficult decisions to be taken.

Mr Tom Litterick (Birmingham, Selly Oak, Lab) said it was most unusual to hear Conservatives backing a nationalized industry instead of the usual dogmatic and rasping attack. But earlier speeches had shown they might carve up British Leyland should they win another election.

Mr Richard Wainwright (Colne Valley, L) said it was clear from passages in the NEB British Leyland that the a carefully considered st ward by the chairman ar team at British Leyland. no sense a bidding figu ward in the hope of get thing less.

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Mr James Prior, spokesman on e (Lowestoft, C) - said approach of the newly Leyland board was a augury for the future. tary of State was now d job in many respects. in placing further mone tish Leyland should be by solid progress.

We have (he said) British Leyland. We a do so tonight and let doubt about our suppo blind unswerving supp support of manageme labour force to give th fidence they need to the job.

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Peers views on how to improve Britain's industrial relations

House of Lords

The most important areas for reform of British industry if it was to regain its comparable efficiency were in collective bargaining, industrial relations, and trade union affairs, Viscount Trenchard said when opening a debate on the great differences between the structure of and atmosphere surrounding the system of collective bargaining in this country and that of competitors abroad.

He said that the United Kingdom had declined disastrously as a manufacturing country. The result was that, while wage levels in this country were still in 1950 in real terms above those of any other EEC country, the United Kingdom was now down to half in most cases. North Sea oil would not give more than a breathing space.

There were larger differences in the areas of collective bargaining, industrial relations, and trade union affairs between the United Kingdom and competitor countries than in any other aspects of industrial performance. It was self-evident that those areas were the nation's Achilles' heel.

The trouble and lack of productivity lay mainly in the large labour employment areas of industry. The successful areas of manufacturing industry tended to be those where smaller numbers were employed.

Britain had been repealing legislation affecting trade unions and excluding trade unions from the effects of legislation while other countries, particularly Germany and the United States, had been doing the opposite. In virtually every country except Britain agreements were enforceable and trade union leaders had to check that their members were prepared to honour them before they signed them.

The only theoretical alternative to reform was the continuation of incomes policies with union leaders acting as the henchmen of Government in keeping down the pay of their members.

Lord Carr of Hadley (C), for the Opposition, said the Government should make it clear to unions and employers that reform of the collective bargaining system was necessary and urgent.

The Government should then stand back and leave it to employers and unions to come up with concrete proposals. Codes of practice should be established to cover industrial relations.

Such codes would not be enforceable legally but endorsed by the TUC and perhaps the CBI and possibly Parliament. They would provide clear lines of guidance and those who refused to take notice of them would probably forfeit public sympathy and support, which to the end was one of the most important elements in a free society.

Lord Rochester (L) said that management and trade unions had a joint interest in seeing that shop stewards in particular had an elementary training in the basic facts of how a business was run, the effects of alternative use to which money could be put and shown that only improved productivity would bring higher real wages.

A stronger lead should be given from the top. Discussions on education and training should be given a higher priority by the Government, CBI and TUC.

Agreed long-term procedures for the determination of wages and salaries generally were badly needed. There were no short cuts. Lord Cooper of Stockton Heath (Lab) said that good industrial relations could only be achieved by great patience, particularly by those involved in the art of negotiation, who accepted that the purpose of negotiation was to reach agreement.

It was important to appreciate that trade union structures and the atmosphere surrounding collective bargaining depended to a great extent on the environment in which they operated.

Viscount Watkinson (C) said there had to be an agreement o n pay between the Government, CBI, TUC and Parliament for 1979 and once arrived at that figure should be made to stick in the minds of a concerned.

Lord George-Brown said free collective bargaining was a myth, a misnomer. It was used by some trade unions as a means of catch-as-catch-can with the emphasis on muscle to blackmail employers without regard to the effect or the morality of claims.

There could no longer be a return to unfettered free collective bargaining because it ignored the man in the street who had to pay the prices in the shops. The day of the planned economy had arrived and the Government could not be excluded from negotiations on pay between worker and employer.

Viscount Caldecote (C) said one of the most pressing and difficult problems was the need to improve differentials. Progress would not be made on improving efficiency and expanding the economy unless there was flexibility in pay negotiations to improve differentials for skill, enterprise and hard work.

He recognized that that was tantamount to having no incomes policy and a serious risk of inflationary pay settlements. That was why he had been strongly in favour of a continuing incomes policy. But he reluctantly concluded that the balance of advantage lay in the direction of greater flexibility

Viscount Amory (C) said that Britain's current performance was deplorable. The biggest single need for British industry was an increase in produ tive efficiency. Some kind of incomes policy was goong to be essential. It must not amount simply to a rigidly applied figure in terms of cash or a percentage. That was too damaging to incentives and differentials.

There should be no attempt by the Government to lay down a single central formula. There should be room for collective bargaining against the background of the available aggregate.

Lord Rochdale (C) said there was a need for a continuous campaign of explanation from top to bottom within plants and companies as to what was goong on. Participation was essential but it must be genuine and not mere facade.

Lady Birk, Under Secretary for the Environment, said Britain's collective bargaining system was not lame, halted or anachronistic. It was certainly subject to failure and every aspect of it could not be defended but no system of human relationship was infallible.

Britain was not a strike torn country. The majority of firms did not experience any strikes at all.

Do not (she said) let us paint ourselves worse than we are. A great deal has been said about the English disease but there is another one, masochism, which Britain constantly suffers from.

One reason that the country seemed to convey such a bad image was partly due to reporting by the media which tended to concentrate on strikes and pay little attention to the work of conciliation.

The Government agreed that greater rewards could only come by producing more and that some cause for concern was felt by the restrictive practices of some unions. It was, however, impossible to isolate them effectively.

The country needed to develop an effective form of industrial democracy which people believed in. The only way towards more stable industrial relations and greater output must lie in changing attitudes.

Industrial democracy, which in this country had lagged far behind political democracy, would create a vital sense of involvement, joint interest and common purpose. Shortly the Government intended to publish a White Paper setting out their proposals for legislation.

It was not the Government's intention to impose a legislative straitjacket on industry, but to provide the flexible framework within which employees and employers could develop participation arrangements tailored to their needs and circumstances. No statutory code could take the place of voluntary ground work.

House adjourned, 8.57 pm.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Budget.

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Progress in committee on Scotland Bill. Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) (No 2) Order.

BSC would consider selling closed plants

Any proposals to sell the assets of the British Steel Corporation would have to come to the Government who would want to look at them extremely critically, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said in connexion with plant closures.

Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest, C) had said that Sir CharlesVilliers, chairman of BSC, had written to him saying he was prepared to consider the sale of complete steel plants in closure areas.

Will Mr Varley (he continued) ask Sir Charles Villiers to enlarge upon this scheme and give the Government's full backing to this policy and make sure no restriction is placed in the way if plants are sold to private enterprise?

Mr Varley—I do not know of any proposals on of the correspondence between Mr McNair-Wilson and Sir Charles.

Earlier Mr Varley told Mr Roy Hughes (Newport, Lab) that the measures announced by the Government had saved the British steel industry.

If we had not taken the action we did then the position would be much more serious. We have got to go ahead with the modernization of BSC and we have to make sure we have a substantial steel industry capable of meeting the needs of British manufacturing industry.

Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C)—When will the Government bring forward an announcement on a financial target for BSC which is sadly lacking bearing in mind that nearly all other nationalized industries have such targets statutorily applied to them?

Mr Varley—We will be looking at the possibilities for capital reconstruction when the market situation becomes more certain. In any event, I will be laying legislative proposals before Parliament very shortly.

Concern at suddenness of Spillers closures

The Government greatly regretted that they had not had more notice of the closure of 23 bakeries following the decision of Spillers Limited to withdraw from bread baking, Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said in reply to a private notice question.

He said it was clearly a matter for serious concern that the measures taken involved sudden large-scale redundancies in a single firm. But having regard to the substantial over-capacity in the baking industry and Spillers financial difficulties, ministers concluded in the circumstances that the reorganization proposed was probably the least unattractive of all the unattractive courses of action available.

Mr Silkin said—Spillers Limited announced last Friday that they had decided to withdraw from bread baking. We understand that over the last six years their losses on bread baking have amounted to £28m.

Spillers have decided that the only way in which they can continue as a sound and viable group is to give up bread baking altogether.

The company is selling 13 bakeries to Ranks Hovis McDougall and Associated British Foods. This will ensure that the jobs of 5,100 employees are maintained, but the closure of the remaining 23 bakeries means the loss of 6,370 full-time and 1,620 part-time jobs.

In order to complete this transfer the companies concerned needed to know whether a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission would be made. Immediately before Easter, therefore, Spillers approached the Government in strict confidence, through the Bank of England, on this question.

After following the statutory procedures and in the light of the advice of the Office of Fair Trading, the Secretary o f State for Prices and Consumer Protection (Mr Roy Hattersley) decided, on the information before him, not to make such a reference.

This decision took account of discussions between the ministers concerned and the major baking companies in the course of which various points were clarified and a number of assurances given.

In particular, RHM and ADF have given assurances that they will keep open the bakeries transferred to them for at least a year. They have said that they are taking over all the Spillers bakeries for which they can see a profitable future.

They also expect, subject to agreement with the unions on working procedures, to recruit the equivalent of over 2,000 additional employees at their existing bakeries including those in Liverpool, Glasgow and the North-east.

The companies have said that the closures will not endanger bread supplies. ADF and RHM have stated that they do not expect to prenotify a further price increase before late 1978.

Mr Giles Radice (Chester-le-Street, Lab)—Why did Spillers give such short notice of their withdrawal from the baking industry and of making so many production workers, including 700 in my constituency redundant, with an impact on areas of high unemployment? Can anything be done to save any of those jobs?

Mr Silkin—The Secretary of State for Employment (Mr Booth) has already asked the Employment Services Agency to go into that and all other bakeries to see what can be done.

Spillers took the view that such consultation could not have taken place without open debate and that would lead to loss of orders and jeopardize sources of finance and the whole deal, with even more effect on employment. If ever we needed justification for our belief in industrial democracy, we do not need it now.

Mr Anthony Fell (Yarmouth, C)—Can the minister bring whatever pressure is possible to bear on Spillers to see that my constituents, numbering 700 to 750, get proper compensation for loss of their jobs?

Will Mr Silkin persuade Mr Hattersley to look again at the reference of the new set-up— which will be almost a complete monopoly of milling and baking—to the Monopolies Commission?

Mr Silkin—Last August, and again at the turn of the year, knowing that there were difficulties of overcapacity and of dropping demand in this industry, I asked the Bakers' Federation whether they wished the Government to assist them in any way with advice or in any other way on restructuring. I am still waiting for a response.

As to redundancies or compensation, the whole House would agree that proper redundancy payments must be paid in this case.

Mr John Peyton, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture, fisheries and food (Yeovil, C)—Does Mr Silkin not think it a little odd that he should be answering the question when the fingerprints of Mr Hattersley are to be seen all over this miserable affair? There was clear warning by the Monopolies Commission in July last year that the unprofitability of the bread-making industry was due largely to statutory price control and other forms of official intervention.

The inevitable consequences of all that, and particularly of Mr Hattersley's contribution, is bound to be inability to invest which would lead in turn to less competition, fewer jobs and higher prices.

Does he agree with the estimate of the union leader concerned that this miserable development will lead to an increase in the price of bread by 8p a loaf?

Mr Silkin—I do not agree with the past point, for many reasons, one being supply and demand. Demand will be much nearer supply and unit production costs will inevitably go down.

Spillers will have a large amount of flour for which previously they had an easy outlet in their own bakeries and which they will have to sell to other bakeries.

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Commissioner defends record on equal pay for wome

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The EEC Commission were receiving reports from member countries on the way in which the 1975 directive on equal pay for men and women was being implemented, Mr Henk Vredeling, Vice President of the Commission responsible for employment and social affairs, said.

If they found it was not being implemented correctly, they would not hesitate to take action, he added, rejecting any criticism that the Commission had been lax in its attitude to equal pay.

His comments came in response to a report on equal pay from the Parliament's Committee on social affairs, employment and education.

The report recommended that the Commission should ask for information from EEC countries on how they intended to improve the conditions of women at work.

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody (Crewe, Lab), presenting the report, said the Commission had set in hand a number of pilot projects and set aside a sum of money under the Social Fund. But this was not enough.

She was disheartened that much of the work of the pilot surveys seemed to suggest that women should aim for the secretarial jobs or for the sort of semi-skilled jobs available to them at present.

If they produced a race of intelligent women and offered them decent training and further education it was not enough to say to them that when they returned to work in their late thirties or early forties it was essential for them to go into semi-skilled jobs.

Mr Vredeling said the Commission had for some time been dealing with these problems. They had established a working party of experts. He had recently asked his officials to examine breaches of the principle of equal pay. In April, 1976, there had been a request from the Irish Government for a derogation from the agreements reached and the Commission had rejected it and said they would never support such a request.

They were doing everything possible with the means available to ensure that the directive was implemented and to examine whether there had been any infringements. They were working hard examining the reports from member states and he hoped this would be completed by the summer.

Often trade unions did not seem to give this matter high enough priority. Everyone must do all in their power to undo any discrimination. Employers must recognize their responsibilities and not act in a discriminatory fashion.

The Commission would during 1978 and 1979 be collecting a wide-ranging set of statistics from industry and the services. On the basis of specially formulated questions he hoped they would be able to see whether a been made on equ

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Design is only a part of product development. Technical and aesthetic considerations are parallel, not mutually exclusive. Teaching design inculcates the ability to deal in realities, and although it is necessary and permissible to use artistic methods to communicate, these are secondary. The primary objective must be to make—and to make to perform.

Most students and designers do not have enough of the essential technical skills. Even if they can produce a pair of trousers, the legs will swing out, the crutch have too much fabric, the seat be too low, or.... Such critical niceties are smudged in the factory and unremarked by the British public. The discerning market at home and abroad certainly notice.

It is wrong to attribute this failure to the training colleges, which are responding automatically to the attitude of the employer. Within most employing companies the aesthetic decisions are taken by marketing executives, and when technical implementation is necessary it is undertaken by a cutter or pattern grader.

The difference between fit and non-fit, between the right tone and the wrong tone, is as vital as quality control, and those decisions are frequently taken by elderly, skilled practitioners who are not encouraged to train their successors.

Just as the ability to cut is being bled out by retirement, so, too, is the sensitivity to colour and texture, and the responsiveness to changing market wishes. All levels of management are being filled by administrators rather than designers.

Too often such managers talk of the colour, the design detail, the braid that should be added here, the button there, as though by adding a spurious resemblance to someone's else's product, theirs too is as immaculately conceived. They are wrong.

If on the other hand a designer looks for the man he wishes to emulate, then rival, then surpass, will he be found as an employee or as an independent? Almost certainly he will be independent, and he will thus make more money and receive more publicity and acclaim. He will be achieving more in real terms and in his estimation of himself.

What is really surprising is that independent designers are so little used by established companies. Many designers have neither the ability nor the wish to identify with industry, but in any case few have the opportunity.

Industry tends to employ designers or students for special projects, to exploit them for publicity, to curb their design input to readily available production facilities, and to replace them constantly. As a result those designers who work with industry tend towards the less imaginative, accepting the inhibitions imposed on them; if they are more vocal or pressing they are consciously or unconsciously excluded.

The results of this censorship are most marked in the area of man-made fibres. Many of these have great advantages and are excellent for their function, but just as many are technically inadequate; they react badly in terms of colour, they retain body and atmospheric odour, they lose shape, prevent the body from adjusting its temperature, have a lifeless sheen, ignore textural variety. Much time and money are spent on eradicating such flaws, but little of the technical work is carried on with design and style development.

One of the consequences of this separate development has been the emergence of Italy as the source of yarn and textiles, and this (augmented by Italian ability to design and colour) has forced Britain backwards. An allied loss has been the unacceptability of our home-made synthetic garments to important market segments—knitwear for fashionable young men is a good example. Paradoxically, it also allows, or forces, C & A to advertise its synthetic knits for women as coming from an Italian source.

Natural fibres, wool in particular, suffered greatly when the synthetic fibre campaigns emphasized their easy care qualities to the implicit detriment of their natural competition. In many areas this caused the natural fibres to lose out. However, wool invested heavily in image building based on easy care, and has substantially recovered.

Manoeuvres in the early 1970s to establish a knit jersey fabric as appropriate for men's suitings were typically misconceived. Marketing strategists made decisions against design and styling trends, and the market rebuffed the attempt. This was accompanied by a changing call for colour and texture; again, man-made fibres were inadequate, and the lead in Britain was given by the small wool processers. This colour feeling was immediately recognized and developed in Italy and France and the English style was launched, with little profit to its land of origin.

The next development, the swing towards resuscitating old clothes, was natural enough, and there can be nothing but sympathy for industrial firms whose financial and product criteria were based on postwar austerity. Although the warnings were clear, the manufacturers had not noticed that the market now favoured the consumer rather than the producer; and the consumer was well able, by using secondhand shops, imports, knitting needles and a sewing machine, to take action.

In the end, when the consumer has the time and money to choose, fashion has less to do with statistics than with bodies and how they want to be decorated. Bodies are better indicators than figures—and bodies are individual.

Unsurprisingly manufacturers who modernized themselves to cope with synthetic fibres must now also adapt to processing natural yarns. Such adjustments underline how necessary are the antennae of designers who can react to the market; without their valuable pulse, there is no manufacturing response.

This very need should ensure employment for all designers, but that is far from being the case. Sadly those who are most neatly meshed into industry tend to lose both their judgment and courage. Considering the insignificance of their status and the limited financial and aesthetic resources at their disposal it is little wonder that they shrink.

Little is known statistically of the employment of designers, although it is accepted that few have any great status and even fewer have the power to affect the future of the companies that employ them.

Bernard Neville respiced the Liberty archives, then was lured by money and recognition to join forces with an Italian company. Subsequently a major British talent has been marketing by the Italians with gusto and growing acclaim.

British companies, too, can make immediate impact with a strong design range, as did Soieries Nouveautés with the first collection designed by Sara Campbell. From the first season her collection became a focal point at Interstoff and moved her smartly into the front rank of European designers.

These are not isolated examples of British design skills. Wendy Booth, with ranges taken from six designers, has sold profitably in both New York and Paris, in 18 months establishing a viable business. She gets up and goes to sell. Ironically, the British fabric producers get up and go to buy design. It is not uncommon for our textile companies to buy designs of British origin when they shop in Paris.

No matter what the field, it is obvious that when we have the product we have little idea how to market it. Individual clothing designers as well as those working with fabric command international respect, but they are seldom used by our own industry.

Zandra Rhodes is one whose idiosyncratic espousal of radical chic, punk to the public, green hair and similar amusements, should not obstruct the Pharoanic quality of her inspiration, nor its lesson for the industry. Her link with industry is not in this country but in America.

The limited industrial link is illustrated again by Bill Gibb and the one factory in Leicester which is prepared to take designer whims as they really are, necessary development stages in a product. Why can he only find one factory? Why is his genius, best expressed in knitwear and so obviously commercial, seen in only a few up-market shops?

More available, but still more appreciated by the overseas buyers than at home, is Janice Wainwright. Established over a period of years as one of the most adept at using fabric to endorse her styling message, she produces absolutely wearable clothes; she epitomizes how to be in the aura of fashion, while still being privately oneself.

There is talk of a national colour range, a national this and a national that. The people who push national anything, except a national market place, should reflect on how the public love Rhodes, Wainwright and Gibb, how different they are and how important their confidence is. We do not need regimentation but more individuals.

What is frightening for the future is well illustrated by contrasting Mary Quant and Biba. The Quant revolution was amazing, but was more to do with social attitudes than design and fashion. It had a mechanistic aspect and was able to respond well to business exploitation.

Biba on the contrary was all essence—style, colour, texture and fantasy; Biba gave England the great romance it had not known since Norman Hartnell metamorphosed the Queen Mother for her prewar visit to France. The war stole opportunity and time from Hartnell and a business failure exiled Biba from London to Buenos Aires: both losses were enormous and we must watch that they are not repeated.

This week in London there are four exhibitions and many private shows, all selling clothes. That there is such variety must be applauded, for fashion and design are all about innovation and attention to detail in a way that is particular to an individual designer. Design is about making, and good design is about making, so that each careful thought is seen and appreciated by the customer.

Industrial use of design should reflect this preoccupation with minutiae, and currently it does not. Relations between mass production and designers have been awkward in the past, and they continue to be stressful on both sides. Those designers showing this week at the Inn on the Park, justifiably fearful of copyists, will attempt to exclude manufacturers. Manufacturers showing at Earls Court, who will profit from vastly superior numbers of potential buyers, more space and easier trading conditions, will not have the stimulation of concentrated style to be found at The Inn on the Park.

The loss is serious on both sides. An ocean of misconceptions separate those who can make the product from those who develop it. The counterposing of these two exhibitions is arbitary and the lessons drawn are subjective. Each finds the other somewhat incomprehensible.

We talk about British fashion and textiles without accepting how inchoate are the areas depicted by those two words. There are plenty of professional bodies which seek to link their own segment, but they lack substance. If you land in London this week, exhausted by Milan and Paris, and wish to find out exactly what is going on when and where—there is no one to go to.

Design conviction can be found at the Inn on the Park, at the Individual Clothing Show at the Washington Hotel, and with the individual designers; there are some with conviction at Earls Court, and some at the Inter-Continental but their confidence is not necessarily endorsed either by buyers in Britain or those who come from abroad.

A small percentage of the companies have used design on every facet of their business. We must hope they will be generous and share their experience with industry and that industry will try to understand what they have done and why.

One does not think of industrialists acting as Moses, ordering the sea to roll back, but that is what Dr Brian Smith at ICI and Sir Arthur Knight at Courtaulds must do.

British design is alive and well. For those with courage and elan it will provide a good living and a stimulating life. Whether it can do so for the textile and clothing industry remains to be seen.

When the British customer is offered dashingly coloured, well designed, well-made clothes, attractively marketed and reasonably priced, she reacts. For this skirt, blouse and scarf (not shown), a "Sunday Times" special offer last summer, 17,500 women paid £13.95. The designers, sisters Susan Collier and Sara Campbell, worked the prints to contain concentrated design and colour: "We took care to make them look special", Susan Collier says. "We took as much trouble as we would for Saint Laurent." Each fabric has five colours, is machine washable, colour fast and printed on 100 per cent cotton. The clothes were made to a consistent quality by Jake; none was returned.

TOOTAL means fashion

Slimma Limited—a member of the Tootal Group

The exhibitions referred to in this article are the London Fashion Exhibition at Earl's Court (today until April 14), the London Designer Collections at the Inn on the Park Hotel, W1 (April 13-16), the London Collections at the Inter-Continental Hotel, W1 (April 13-16) and the Individual Clothes Show at the Washington Hotel, W1 (April 13-16).

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Protection for industry suffering from low-cost imports

by Peter Hill

Britain's textile and clothing industries are entering their fourth month of operation under a new regime of protection. The industry, which has been among the hardest hit by the general decline in world trade, has suffered extensively from the inroads made into the British market by imports from less developed and low-cost producers of textiles and clothing.

The industry, particularly the cotton and allied textile industry located principally in Lancashire, has suffered more than most from the growth of imports. The British market is traditionally one of the easiest for a foreign supplier to penetrate because of liberal trade regulations.

Between 1969 and 1976 the volume of imports of textile and clothing items doubled, and in value they rose fourfold from £400m to £1,600m. Clothing manufacturers say that at least three out of every 10 clothing items sold in Britain were imported and that in some sectors import penetration was even greater. In shirts and jeans, for example, seven out of every 10 items were imported.

Imports were largely blamed for the reduction of the industry's labour force over the period although jobs have also disappeared through rationalization and improved productivity. Between 1969 and 1976 245,000 jobs disappeared in the industry, about 25 per cent of the labour force.

It was against this background that the British Textile Confederation, the industry's umbrella organization embracing both trade associations and trade unions, launched a major offensive to persuade the Government and the EEC that the future of the textile and clothing industries in Britain and in Europe was being threatened.

Improved protection to provide a basis for stable development of the domestic industry, coupled with opportunities for the developing nations to promote their exports, was called for.

Dr Brian Smith, president of the BTC, said: "If imports go on increasing at the present rate, some sectors of the British textile industry will be destroyed within a few years. If that is allowed to happen, the rest of the textile industry will be in serious danger, other industries would be affected directly, some of them seriously and the entire British economy would be gravely damaged."

Successive governments have become used to the textile industry pleading for assistance and until last summer had been largely content to watch the industry attempt to cope with the flood of imports. But the industry has not stood still. Investment has been high and in the 10 years to 1977, output an employee rose by 57 per cent, a record which was twice as good as the record of British manufacturing industry generally. With a peaceful record in labour relations and exports amounting to £1,500m, it was not altogether surprising that governments have shown considerable indifference to the industry's problems.

At the heart of the industry's most recent problems was the multi-fibre arrangement, signed under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in 1974 and ratified by 41 nations. It was designed to promote the orderly development of trade in textiles between the developed and less developed world. It was also designed to provide an opportunity for the less developed nations to increase their textile exports and for the developed nations to fix limits on the growth of imports if they became detrimental to the health of their domestic industries.

The new MFA was agreed at the turn of the year and the EEC, acting on behalf of its members, has entered into bilateral agreements with low-cost supplying countries. A key feature of the latest MFA, which will run until 1982, is that the growth rate in the level of imports into the EEC will be strictly monitored and controlled.

Eight "sensitive products"—cotton yarn and fabrics, spun synthetic fabrics, knitted shirts, T-shirts, jerseys, pullovers, trousers, woven shirts and blouses—which in Britain's case accounted for more than 60 per cent of all imports in 1976, will be limited to an annual growth rate of less than 2 or 3 per cent in many cases.

The latest pact meant that the larger and more developed Third World textile and clothing exporting nations had to make greater sacrifices in order that their weaker and less developed brethren were able to secure a rising (but controlled) share of the markets of the industrialized countries and most notably the EEC.

The hope is that the new regime of controlled and orderly development of trade in textiles will provide an opportunity for the ailing industries of Britain and other European nations to regroup, to plan for further investment and rationalization against a background of reasonable stability and with the knowledge that investment plans are not going to be seriously undermined by imports.

The textile industry in Britain is generally well pleased with the gains made in the latest round of negotiations. But within the industry views differ on how successful the latest MFA will be. Much depends on how effective the surveillance and monitoring of imports levels proves to be.

Mr Edmund Gartside, president of the British Textile Employers' Association, said recently that t MFA fell short of dustry's demands. T global limits for im cotton yarn and clot sented a substantial on the levels set year and he could the agreement any immediate rev ing industries of Britain's fortun

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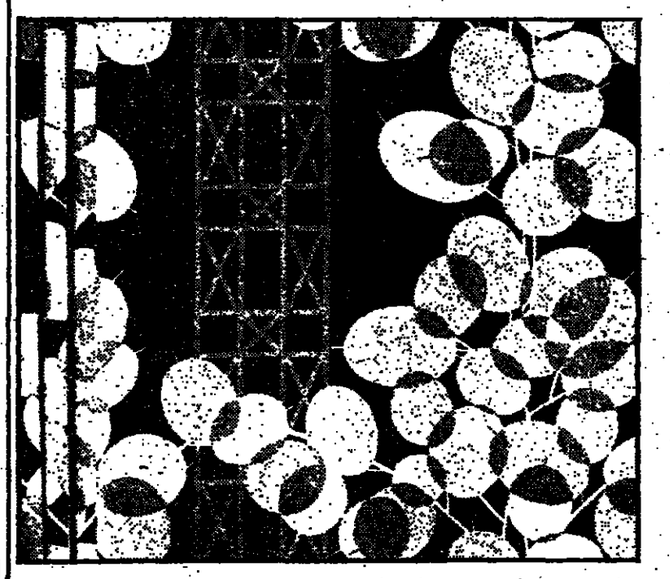

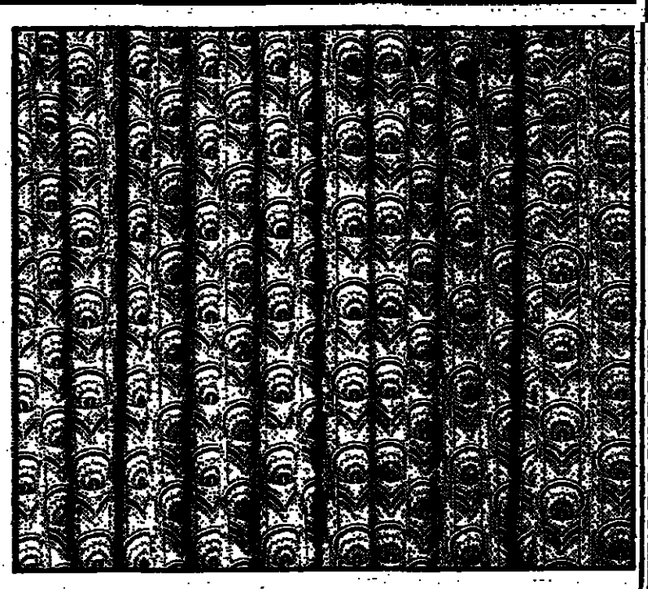

Two new designs are on display among All Things Bright and Beautiful, an exhibition of furnishing fabrics and carpets at the Design Centre, Haymarket, London. Left, in maroon brown and pink, is Tambour, designed by Tessa Smith for Textra Furnishing Fabrics. Yoko (right), a cotton viscose in brown, cream and rust, was designed by John Wright for Textile Impressions.

Hard sell for soft goods

by Julie C. Buddy

We have a "selling" industry, be it fibre to spinner, yarn to knitter, cloth to cutter, garment to retailer or article to consumer. All of us have a product to sell and the need to expand our markets.

No longer can price alone be the motivation in selling soft goods. Call it design, style, merchandising or fashion, without it products cannot sell.

Product development and packaging (and by this, I do not mean the Cellophane wrapping, but rather the presentation) must, all the way down the line, be professional and confident.

The clothing and textile industry is the fashion industry and as such must expose itself to outside stimuli and influences up, down and increase its awareness of all sideways. The in-bred "talking to ourselves" and insular insecurity that overshadows our export efforts, the petty jealousies, split trade exhibitions and endless industry groups and committees with stillborn results are damaging to our business.

The exchange of ideas, study and work groups with fashion and merchandising experts, the "I scratch your back you scratch mine and we'll help the industry as a whole" concept will be the lifeline of our textile, knitwear, manufacturing and retail trade.

The basic problem we have in Britain is the lack of trained commercial fashion staff. The art schools produce artistic designers not stylists but there is no retail merchandising school that trains sales staff and buyers to understand fashion concepts There is no truly professional trade press to influence style and design and inform the trade and few stores have fashion co-ordinators to give a look and cohesiveness to the store to motivate customers.

We spend far too long looking over our shoulders at the competition and trying to copy, as opposed to developing and marketing our own "handwriting". By the time we have rushed through Oxford Street and boulevard Haussmann to see what is selling, we end up a season out and with stocks which have to be marked down.

Fashion is a gamble, but when you are using professional staff, with the aid of outside stimuli, that gamble becomes success—but only if one is prepared to meet the cost of professionals. One gets only what one pays for.

Once we have agreed that *professional input, guidance* and assistance are not only useful but necessary, the problem arises where to get it and what to do with it.

Until, in one or two generations, we build up the use and understanding of in-house design and fashion promotion staff, it is necessary to call on outside fashion staff. Even well managed firms with a strong design team and coordinator of their own use outside services.

Many of these sources of fashion intelligence have found that firms which need help do not understand it and those keyed into fashion merchandising cannot afford it. Advice given is only as good as the person receiving it; this is especially true when one looks for colour, fabrication, styling, promotion and coordination.

The four stages of fashion intelligence are research, evaluation, interpretation and instigation. In most firms it would be too costly in time and money, to have the vast resources of fashion information handled at all four levels. That is why it is best to use outside experts.

Where does this special knowledge come from and how do we know it is right for us, our market, our production? This does not come easily. It takes training, inborn fashion as well as common sense, experience, commercial application and guts. But mostly, it takes exposure and stimulus from as many sources as possible. One cannot create salable fashion in a vacuum, nor sell it like pots and pans.

This stimulus comes from travel—visiting stores in New York City, boutiques in Paris, fringe theatre in London, art galleries, resorts, cinema, even television.

It comes from international fairs—Pitti Uomo, Pitti Bimbo, Pitti Donna, Ideacomo Modamaglia and the Prêt à Porter in Italy; Interstoff and Heimtextil in Germany; SEHM, Salon de la Maille and Enfantine as well as Prêt à Porter in France among many others, depending on your market. It also comes from the trade press, like *Gap, Dépêche Modet, Enfant c'est la Mode* and *Elle* from France, *American Fabrics* and *Women's Wear Daily* (United States) *Vogue, Uomo* (Italy) and *Preview* (United Kingdom).

Swatch services can be useful at some levels of the textile trade, such as Italtex, Modes et Techniques de Paris, Bilbille et Textile Paris Echos and Société des Nouveautés Textiles.

Fibre, yarn and some textile bills have excellent fashion merchandising services for their customers. Visit the International Wool Secretariat offices in London and Paris: Institute of Cotton in London and Paris, DuPont in London and Geneva; Courtaulds; Bayer and Hoechst in Germany; Euromotte, France; Klopman, Britain; Nino and van Deldan in Germany and Texunion in France.

National fashion institutes and export groups like Modom and CIM in France and the Deutsche Mode Institut in Germany are also good sources, especially for colour. Why does not the Clothing Export Council in Britain offer such a service to its members? Or the Clothing Institute? Or the Design Council? Sadly, there is no objective clearing house in Britain, other than the newly-formed London committee of the internationally based, non-profit - making Fashion Group, where one can work with and through other fashion professionals.

Fashion reporting and design services available on a subscription basis, or as a direct client, should be researched thoroughly and are invaluable, if they are on the same wavelength and can be readily adapted to your company's market needs.

Ones like IM International, Faces, Deryk Healy, Nigel French, Info-Vogue, the Benjamin Dent Publications are British based; others include Groupement de la Maille, Promostyl and Mafia (France), Color Aktiy (Germany) and Portofolio Idee Moda (Italy). Each is valuable for different reasons, markets and geographical areas.

In addition to advertising and public relations agencies there are service organizations with offices in Britain which cater for the industry, such as Kurt Salmon Associates for technical, production and distribution difficulties, Indesign and Star for recruitment, Informoda, for merchandising and packaging and the Geneva based TMG for marketing.

Another source of assistance for the industry not readily understood in Britain, but very important and successful in other countries, is the freelance fashion consultant. Usually, but not always, a trained textile or clothing designer, he or she can be independent or part of a team and is able to work with the company's products, staff and management.

These lists are by no means complete, but give a brief idea of the types of outside service that are available to the clothing industry to bring it up to standard as a fashion industry.

One way for a company to evaluate and accept the concept of outside fashion services is to look at its problems in other areas. A legal difficulty requires a solicitor, one in shipping requires a transport expert, and in finance, an accountancy firm or bank. Equally a design, merchandising or promotion difficulty calls also for the services of the experts. They will save money, time and a great deal of unpleasantness and they will help a company to formulate a collection which is cohesive, coordinated and commercial.

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and the IIC in close collaboration with finishers and the chemical industry aim to achieve some of the qualities that are the strong point of synthetics. A good example of this trend is the development by the IWS of superwash yarns. These allow pure wool knitwear to be washed in a domestic washing machine without danger of the felting that would normally occur.

Synthetic and man-made fibres have other properties: durability, easy care, and often lower price. Producers aim to match the comfort performance, hand, drape and look of natural fibre products. Technology has made possible considerable progress in that direction.

The latest commercial advance was made by Courtaulds last year with Viloft, a tubular modified viscose fibre with absorption characteristics similar to those of cotton.

Bayer in Germany is to launch commercially this year the first absorbent acrylic fibre. Less spectacular, but no less important developments are introduced regularly by synthetic and man-made fibre producers to reduce costs or improve performance in specific applications.

Particularly important are new qualities for blending with other fibres for given weights and constructions of cloth. These never make headlines and rarely appear on labels. An example is Dupont's Dacron type 17x, developed specially for blending with cotton in denim fabrics.

Texturizing of polyester fibre was a major breakthrough in the search for greater wearer comfort. ICI's Crimplene, the first mass market texturized fibre, was initially used for double jerseys. Joseph Bancroft's Banlon yarns were used to produce lighter, silky, flowing single knits. For some years, texturized yarns have been woven, either as weft yarn or for both warp and weft. The spread of a new, faster, air jet texturizing process should reduce prices and broaden the market for this new generation of materials.

The benefits of such developments to the consumer are considerable. More constant quality, greater durability, improved price performance ratio and other advantages help to broaden the market for many products.

In fabric production, new technologies help to achieve greater speed with correspondingly lower costs and greater constancy of quality.

Open-end spinning, where a rotor replaces the conventional ring spinning equipment, speeds considerably the yarn-making process. Traditional shuttle looms are making way for machines that use rapiers, slugs or jets of air or water to insert weft yarns at speeds that would have seemed impossible two or three decades ago.

Machines are also being developed to insert simultaneously up to 12 weft yarns at a time. Weft knitting combines some elements of weaving and knitting to produce a growing variety of fabrics at very high speeds. Electronics allow designers to make up patterns and coloured designs on a video screen while a computer controls one or more knitting machines to produce automatically fabrics with the same design.

Needlestitching, possibly the fastest method of producing fabrics, was developed in Czechoslovakia and East Germany and is being used by Courtaulds in Britain. The process is used mainly for cheaper utilitarian fabrics and the potential for special fashion effects has hardly begun to be exploited.

Another new process being developed rapidly is 3D knitting. Machines produce garments in a single piece consisting of both back and front. Only one linking seam down the side produces a finished, shaped garment.

Non-wovens do not yet match knitted or woven materials in terms of hand, drape and durability. But they will. ICI made a major advance with the introduction of Cambrelle, mainly for household and industrial uses, although some experimental applications are being tested in fashion.

Transfer printing has done much to provide more variety of design at lower cost. It allows manufacturers to hold stocks of plain fabrics that can be printed easily and rapidly as needed, thereby reducing investment in printed stock. Also it is non-polluting and uses no water.

All these and many other minor developments provide better value for money, improved performance and better looks.

Most garments are still made from cut pieces that are sewn together. Technology has served mainly to speed the process.

The most technically complex garment, a man's tailored jacket, once took more than a day's work in a tailoring shop. Three hours was considered top speed in a factory only a few years ago. Now jackets can be made in less than 50 minutes with no loss of quality and adequate fashion content.

New machines, new processes and better organization and planning contribute to faster production and better quality. Computers serve increasingly to reduce costs and improve efficiency. They help to control supplies and work flow and automate some cutting and sewing processes. The latest sewing machines have a miniature computer that records the first manual sewing operation, then reproduces the same sequence automatically for all subsequent similar operations.

Techniques such as fusing and welding raise output and lower skill requirement and costs. Transparent sewing threads eliminate thread colour changes on many operations.

Some machines press and crease a pair of slacks or iron a skirt in one single operation with unskilled labour. Advanced training methods help sewing operators to reach high levels of skill in weeks rather than months.

In the future, moulding techniques could make possible production by continuous process from chemical raw material to finished garment.

While the industry has made dramatic technological progress, much remains to be done to get it all right together to meet consumer needs and wants.

Fibre producers still tend to launch new products before all the difficulties are eliminated. Mills do not always apply new technologies to reduce delivery times and increase flexibility; too many are still production oriented rather than market minded.

The garment industry often fails to make the most of new techniques or to use new products to best advantage. There are still too many synthetic fabrics, which do not shrink, sewn with cotton threads, which do, creating unsightly seam pucker after washing.

Some garments are still made up with outer and inner, or lining, fabrics which react differently to washing or dry cleaning. While streamlining of production is essential to lower costs, the wrong corners are often being cut, creating dissatisfied customers.

Even the retailing sector is not blameless. A conservative approach to purchasing sometimes prevents interesting new products from reaching the consumer. Inadequate merchandising and controls produce stocks of slow moving goods that limit variety of supply.

Of course, these are generalizations and we recognize that economic forces hold back the spread of technology. But, while consumers have gained much from past progress, they could benefit even more if all sectors of the industry were to show increased awareness of their real wants. The means are available, only their wider application is needed.

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Among them blends of acrylic and lambswool, of polyester and silk and of acrylic and rabbit hair (both natural and simulated) are obvious born leaders. For 1979 the firm feels that the youngest, a 100 per cent spun Teryiene polyester, tailored to produce natural style handling quality and available in soft shades will continue the family success.

It is a truism today to equate a need for natural enhancement with sales of synthetic fibres. But it is worth remembering the "Crimplene revolution" when Leicester, home of the knit fabric industry, became Europe's second most prosperous city (the first was said to be Hamburg). This ICI Fibres' textured filament polyester was the spearhead of a fabric revolution bringing concepts of long life combined with total easy care and personal fashion variety never previously possible. Hundreds of millions of yards of this fabric, and later of similar types from other fibres, brought prosperity to the knit industry and entirely new fashion to the High Street.

In the meantime, natural fibres took up the challenge and prepared for the swing towards them which came in the early 1970s. The International Wool Secretariat (IWS) produced machine-washable performance for pure new wool knitwear, the highest of a series of steps conferring non-shrink properties during laundering. At present 20 million garments bearing the Superwash label are sold throughout the world. Recently the IWS launched ideas for the production of fancy yarns on conventional spinning machines to supply the irregular slubby and twist looks needed by fashion.

Traditionally these would have been created by specialist spinners who today have either converted to rationalized production or have reduced their numbers considerably.

This is all the more apposite since one of the important trends in women's outerwear for 1979-80 appears to be a demand for fantasy tweeds of the style associated with Bernat Klein and Coco Chanel. Again, most weavers of this type of fabric have disappeared. Knitters with specialized yarns are well placed to scoop this jackpot.

Synthetic and man-made fibre yarns both combine with naturals and simulate their properties. Courtaulds has produced its Viloft which is claimed to have the properties of cotton but with greater bulk. It is seen in products from lingerie to sportswear and offers, in addition, a high absorption property. There is some ground for suggesting that the market's trend towards active sportswear for ordinary casual use can be linked to the availability of a yarn of this type.

All the synthetics fibres producers have engineered polyesters to offer varying kinds of natural handle and appearance. One product with considerable panache is Trevira Flair, a fifty-fifty combination of Trevira polyester and angora rabbit hair, a trail-blazer in blend of natural and synthetic fibres and also in fashion appearance.

John C. Doughty, head of the Design and Development Centre, Leicester, displays a fabric knitted out of bamboo cane on a revolutionary, no-needles machine which he has developed for use in Third World countries. The machine has only two moving parts and, it is claimed, never needs replacements or servicing.

Another is British Enkalon's Golden Touch Diolen range of polyester yarns, engineered with ultra-fine filaments to produce tightly-constructed lightweight fabrics, which are notably sympathetic to the touch.

The machine builders enter the fashion design area with the well-placed claim that it is their skill which produces new garment and fabric ideas and constructions. Dubied's Presser-foot system, devised in co-operation with Courtaulds, produces near-total garments in one piece, instead of the normal separate body blanks, in the form of three-dimensional knitting.

One of the originators here was Kenneth Macqueen who built a machine for this purpose in the early 1960s. An alternative proposal was put forward at about the same time by John Carr Doughty of the Design and Development Centre, Leicester.

It is today, however, when fashion lies along lines of simplicity and when the price of labour is so high, that such a system can really make its mark. The Presser-foot has already been taken up in some quantity and is likely to make garment design history.

Bentley Cotton's new hosiery machines can knit children's garments in one piece; their associated company's fine-gauge circular knitting equipment is likely to produce tightly constructed jersey fabrics which have mastered the original problems of wind "blow-through" and may well bring back the idea of the knit fabric for men's suitings. Camber International has introduced a range of wrapper machines which produce vertical effects in circular knit fabrics. This, in addition to providing a novel and attractive design, saves time and the use of expensive yarns in the more traditional Jacquard equipment.

By contrast, a manufacturer can batten on to a fashion trend and reinforce it. Taviton Talent is a firm employing skilled hand and home machine knitters using natural yarns—wools of varying character, mohair, and even natural camel imported from Israel. It produces simple garments whose attraction lies in the skill of the knit and in the yarn itself. Exports have increased greatly with the United States, Canada, even the Far East as well as Europe. The hand-knit look is also provided by such British firms as Crochetta and Tom Waling Designs—both medium-sized concerns whose fashion antennae are strong and who can move quickly. Again, its export performance is mighty compared with its size.

Rig knitting plants use modern technology to give a hand-worked look. Meridian, for example, is doing well with its printed wool techniques simulating Intarsia.

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David Blake on what could be the Chancellor's final Budget

The options facing Mr Healey today

Mr Healey likes to frighten friends and enemies alike by suggesting that since he never does a job for less than six years he still has another two years to go as Chancellor of the Exchequer. The chances are, however, that the Budget which he delivers today will be the last formal such occasion under his stewardship. An election is likely by next spring and, win or lose, he expects to be moving out from Number 11 Downing Street.

The Healey Chancellorship will end very differently from the way it began; and as we look at the main components in his expected £2,000m to £2,500m give-away today it is perhaps worth looking back at the four years' hard labour which he and the rest of us have had to endure since he took off.

Today's Chancellor will speak of the efforts being made by his Government to increase incentives. The early Denis Healey introduced his first Budget with the specific aim of increasing taxes on the well-off, boosting subsidies on food to secure pay restraint and switching from indirect to direct taxation (a switch which he has been reversing in recent years).

No one could claim that the Healey years will go down as a time of deep-seated reforms in the nature of taxation he has introduced. He leaves behind him no equivalent of the Value Added Tax change introduced under his Conservative predecessor, Mr Anthony (now Lord) Barber.

The pressures have been too intense in the past few years to permit much long-term planning along equivalent *lines*, and the *limitations* imposed by the parliamentary situation have ruled out the introduction of specifically Labour Party measures such as a wealth tax.

Nor, in spite of his frequent observations on his conversion to the need for detailed intervention to improve the efficiency of the economy, will Mr Healey be looked upon as a Chancellor who succeeded in raising the attainable rate of growth of the economy.

The Government has now had four years to pursue its various plans for industrial reform. There have been several hundred meetings of sector working parties and even more Chancellor's speeches on investment in the ferrous foundries industries. The Treasury view now after all this is that the underlying growth potential of the British economy is *lower* than it was when Mr Healey came into office.

Mr Healey's reputation will rest, then, not on the things which one might expect of an interventionist Labour Chancellor but on something much more conventional. In his four years in office he has moved from a position when the balance of payments was in deficit, the Government borrowing requirement was soaring out of control and inflation was heading to levels never before experienced in the United Kingdom, to one where inflation is back in single figures and falling. The Government deficit has been reduced and the United Kingdom seems likely to run into a healthy payments surplus this year.

As the table shows, Mr Healey's path to this position has not been anything like a straight line. When he came to office he lectured the rest of the world on the need to keep up the level of activity in the wake of the increase in oil prices announced by Opec; and for the first year he practiced what he preached, pursuing traditional Keynesian policies of demand management designed at least to avoid restricting demand and to try to obtain union backing for pay restraint.

By 1975 it was clear that pay inflation was out of control; and in short order he announced a restrictive Budget and got union agreement to a rough pay policy which reduced living standards sharply.

By spring 1976, it looked as if inflation was coming down and so the economy was given a gentle expansionary nudge to secure a new round of pay policy. The reasoning was that individual taxpayers had suffered as much as they could be expected to bear, so the Government (and at second hand, foreign lenders) would have to take a greater share.

The results of that experiment, whatever one may think of the economic logic which underlay it, were disastrous in practice. The pound fell like a stone, money supply expanded out of control and by the end of the year the IMF were here with public spending cuts, increased taxes and limits on the amount the Government could borrow in the years ahead.

Mr Healey is sceptical about the worth of intelectual consistency, as was shown in February, 1976, when he justified public spending cuts on the grounds that the long-term growth of the economy was such that it could not afford a fast growth in public services. In July spending was cut because the economy was growing so fast that room had to be made for manufacturing; and in December it had to be cut because the economy was growing so slowly that the Government deficit was soaring.

Yet these verbal gyrations apart, there has been a fair degree of constancy at least to the Healey years after the election of October, 1974. Money supply has been kept under a remarkably tight control in spite of occasional local difficulties. Public spending has declined as a proportion of national output and in real terms. The fiscal stance has become more contractionary.

Some of these changes owe more to accident than design.

In April, 1975, Mr Healey tried to reduce the borrowing requirement by £1,200m; the Treasury forecast was £1,700m out (they underestimated it) so his fiscal stance was more expansionary than he thought.

In 1976 he first tried to increase the borrowing requirement by £700m then tried to cut it for subsequent years; the Treasury forecast was too high by around £3,000m, or four times the scale of his planned changes so the policy was more restrictive than he thought. The same thing happened again during the current financial year, when announced changes of around £2,000m in April, 1977, were swamped by forecasting errors of some £3,000m (the exact figure will be known more accurately later today).

The shift away from public spending has also owed its pace far more to cuts happening because of the working of the cash limits system than it has to decisions agreed in Cabinet. Yet although many of the changes which have occurred in the Government's stance have happened accidentally, it is unlikely that Mr Healey would want things to have happened very differently.

He feels that in spite of all the problems he has laid the basis for steady if unspectacular growth without inflation which can do something to reduce the unemployment level, albeit slowly, from its current level. Whether that will in fact happen and whether Mr Healey and his party are able to claim the credit for it if it does we may know by the time of the next Budget.

THE BUDGETS OF MR HEALEY

Time	Main elements	Intended net effect (+ equals giveaway) £m
Mar 1974	Income tax rate up 3p. Extra tax on petrol, drink, tobacco, betting. More food subsidies.	−200
July 1974	VAT cut to 8 per cent from 10 per cent. Ratepayer relief. Extra regional employment premium.	353
Nov 1974	Tax on stock profits eased (£1,500m). Public spending restrained. Nationalized industry price restraint dropped.	600
April 1975	Income tax up 2p in £. Public spending cut £900m. Special "luxury" VAT of 25 per cent.	−1,200
Dec 1975	Easing of HP controls. Import controls on East European goods. Job creation.	10 (approx)
Feb 1976	Public spending cuts £100m 77-78, £2,400m 78-79.	
April 1976	Income tax allowances raised. Luxury VAT cut to 12 per cent. Drink, tobacco up.	700
July 1976	Public spending cuts for 77-78 of £1,000m. Increase in National Insurance contributions. 12 per cent money supply guidelines.	−1,900
Dec 1976	Public spending cut over two years £2,500m. Food subsidies phased out sooner, excise duties up, BP stake sold, IMF loan.	−2,000
Mar 1977	Income tax allowances raised conditionally, standard rate cut. Attempt to raise petrol tax.	1,000
July 1977	Liberal and left-wing amendments accepted.	200
Oct 1977	Income tax allowances raised.	1,100

The net effect is the change in Public Sector Borrowing Requirement from the year in question.

Will the TV network bosses kill radio's revival?

Radio is this country's fastest-growing medium of communication. Over the past decade any new service—from the pirate stations to commercial local radio—has instantly attracted a substantial, previously untapped audience.

And radio—flexible, responding to local needs—is a medium particularly suited to a society increasingly disenchanted by centralization. It is not surprising that the four commercial radio stations located furthest from London are the ones which most completely dominate their local airwaves.

Yet radio continues to be subservient to television: as the Annan Committee said: "As long as local radio is an appendage of the BBC or the IBA it cannot hope to be the first priority in the thinking of the chairmen and directors general, let alone their sole preoccupation".

Lord Annan: a cha local radio.

Inevitably a majority of the committee wanted local radio to be hived off into a new authority (an influential minority would have preferred separation of the national services as well).

Nevertheless the wishes of the committee, let alone of the poor old listening public, are probably going to be swept aside: in the general hoo-ha over the television side of the Annan report, radio's attempted dash for independence looks like being casually frustrated by a mixture of BBC intransigence, Home Office stand-pattery and opposition from MPs rejoicing in the access to their constituents presented by the existing set-up, and unable to comprehend how much more scope an independent radio organization could offer them.

Even the Conservative Party seems unable to grasp the opportunity opened up by the financial success of the existing commercial stations, to convert radio into a medium supported entirely by advertising.

For independent radio has no lobby: the IBA and the BBC can agree to oppose it, the existing commercial radio lobby prefers the devil it knows, and the audience is passive, if grateful for new initiatives. These, of course, are unlikely to come from the BBC, whose radio services have shown every sign of lack of direction since television emerged as the dominant force in broadcasting 15 or more years ago.

Since then the BBC has been unable to innovate, only to respond, to the pirates by devising Radios 1 and 2, to sporadic pressure for local radio by providing the present thin, miserably financed coverage of its own local stations which even now account for only a tenth of the Corporation's £58 million annual radio budget.

It has not even got the defence that it has preserved quality: the Third Programme has been emasculated, and from November, a reshuffle of wavelengths will ensure that large numbers of listeners (including virtually anyone with a car radio over much of the country) will be unable to receive it after dusk.

Yet an authoritarian husk remains: the Annan Committee asked the Local Radio Council at Carlisle why "they did not broadcast occasionally Radio 1, which cannot be heard easily in that area?". They recoiled: such a service was not in keeping with the ethos of those who listened to their station. As a result, Carlisle is unable ever to hear Radio 1, still the station with the largest audience, in England anyway.

The "Carlisle" attitude, contrasted with the neglect of the Third Programme (and the apparently wilful way the new controller of Radio 4 is so determined to put the clock back by removing the essential journalistic quality which had been such a successful feature of the previous decade's coverage) are powerful arguments for allowing radio to "go it alone" under a new, independent authority.

For the success enjoyed by even the present spotty coverage by commercial radio has emphatically proved that there is ample enough money available among advertisers to take on the whole of existing network and by taking advertising say. Radios 1 and present commercial cannot offer nation risers more than a coverage, and then o channel, yet this yea present 19-station should receive over in advertising.

A fully-integrated cial network could the £58m now receiv radio as a charity from the dominant side which actually licence fees.

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Bernard Levin

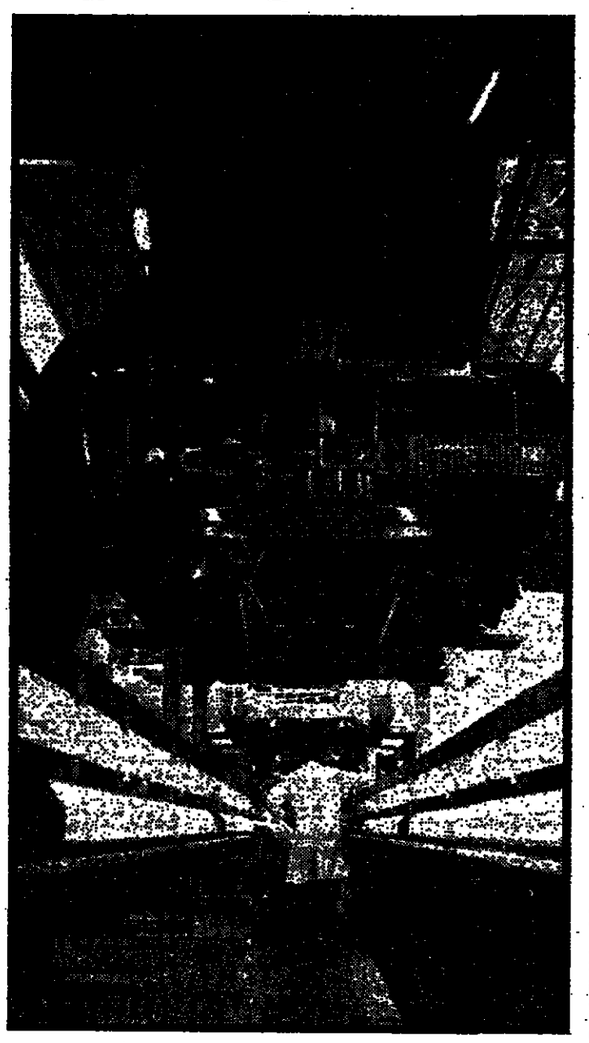
The old firm's soap coupons come a-wheeling in

I have heard of people so fortunate in life that if they wanted caviar and champagne they only had to say so for it to be supplied, free of charge, at once. I have further heard of people, even more remarkably blessed in their circumstances, who only had to open their mouths, whereupon others would ladle the caviar and champagne down their throats, so that they were spared even the minimal effort required to raise the stuff to their own lips. Not until British Leyland was nationalized, however, had I ever come across an outfit which, in addition to the man employed to bring the stuff, and the man hired to shovel it in, also had on its staff a man whose duties consisted of gently opening its mouth, thus relieving it even of the necessity of moving its lower jaw a couple of inches in a downward direction.

We have now learnt that in addition to the stupendous sums of other people's money, not one penny of which will ever be seen again (or is seriously expected to be by any of the parties involved), that have already been poured into the *Cloaca Maxima* that is British Leyland, a further eight hundred and fifty million of the nasty little soap-coupons which now represent pound notes are to be brought round in wheelbarrows and presented to the firm to waste, with an earnest promise to supply as much more, to match British Leyland's sample, as may be desired in the future. Until recently, the firm were in the position of the first man in my parable, the one who only had to nod in the right direction to have the waiters enter with the silver dishes groaning with choice and costly viands. Then, more recently, they moved into the second area, in which the stuff was painlessly swilled down their gullets by other hands. Now Mr Varley has also made it clear that the latest cubic mile of jimmy-o'goblins comes with an additional guarantee, this one being to the effect that all previous requirements for an improvement in British Leyland's industrial relations, in return for the money, are formally cancelled, so that from now on they can spend their *entire* time on strike until the whole sum is used up, and then simply indent for more. Not altogether surprisingly (except, presumably, to Mr Varley) the news was celebrated at Leyland by the rejection of the latest productivity proposals. "Excuse me, sir, but if I might just ease the teeth apart? *Thank* you, sir. Pour away, Charlie."

In the end, I shall simply give up writing about British Leyland, because it will have become impossible, even for me, to find superlatives sufficiently gargantuan to do the theme justice. The monstrous impudence of the British Leyland exercise leaves Concorde itself in the position of a solidly based family firm applying for a modest overdraft on the strength of an annual profit on turnover of 30 per cent achieved every year for half a century and attested to by a particularly cautious firm of Edinburgh accountants. It is true that everybody knew that Concorde could never be anything but a ruinous financial loss, that none of the estimates of the cost made by the manufacturers had anything to do with the facts of the enterprise, and that there was never any serious chance of the thing being bought by any airline other than the two compelled to do so by their respective governments. But at any rate the aircraft is beautiful to look at, and when it is finally consigned to an aeronautical museum will probably be a considerable attraction; moreover, Britain's share has still not cost, in nearly 20 years, what British Leyland has soaked up in not much more than a quarter of the time.

If British Leyland were in the business of producing estimates, budgets, plans for expansion, production targets and ludicrous claims about the firm's future by its successive chairmen, it would by now have broken every record ever established for output. But then, if wishes were horses, beggars would ride, and at British Leyland they do—and on particularly well-padded horses, at that. Just listen to some of the monstrous verbiage produced to accompany the latest thrust of the Leyland hand into the taxpayer's pocket: at least the Romans, carrying off the Sabine women, didn't go rabbiting on about "£450m of new equity ... Section 8 of the Industry Act ... match the £850m of public money with internally generated funds ... domestic market share for Leyland cars ... linking of long-term investment finance to day-to-day industrial relations performance is unhelpful and damaging to the business ["May I close the mouth for you now, Sir? Thank *you*, Sir"] ... further finance being allocated against an updated corporate plan and budget for the following year ...".



Yet the Rape of the Sabine Taxpayers was couched in such terms, and if it were not for the fact that Mr Varley could never be suspected of making a joke, or indeed seeing one I might have thought that we were meant to laugh at his claim that if there were "a serious risk that the objectives could not be achieved", then "the Government, with the company and the NEB, will have to consider the options and the Government would have to accept the financial consequences of any change of plan that it might then agree with the NEB". As for the NEB itself, it *did* make a joke and an uncommonly good one, saying that it would be "unreasonable to expect the company to achieve returns out of line with the average performance of the United Kingdom motor industry", but that—stand by with the italics, please, Mr Compositor—the NEB *expects to receive eventually a commercial rate of return on its investments.*

And nowhere, in all the verbiage, in all the statements, balance-sheets, forecasts, calculations, excuses, deceptions and ravings, is there a word to suggest that what is wrong with British Leyland is not that its mouth will not open wide enough to get the money in, nor that its workforce is still understandably smarting from the earlier suggestion, now unequivocally withdrawn with a profound apology attached ("unhelpful and damaging to the business") that they might be expected to drop in occasionally and tighten the odd nut in return for another few hundred million quid, but that not enough people want to buy British Leyland cars at the price charged for them.

Not enough people want to buy British Leyland cars at the price charged for them. Or, to put it another way, at the price charged for them not enough people want to buy British Leyland cars. Or again, enough people, at the price charged for British Leyland cars, do not want to buy them. Or, further, to buy British Leyland cars at the price charged for them is what not enough people want. Or even, people are what not enough of want to buy British Leyland cars at the price charged for them.

British Leyland cars at the price charged for them are what not enough people want to buy. That being so, I think the situation should be plain by now. Indeed, it is plain; British Leyland are going to get as much money as they want, to go on producing cars not enough people want to buy at the price charged for them, though Mr Varley and the NEB and Mr Edwardes all know that if they simply piled the money up and burnt it, it would make no difference to the chances of British Leyland becoming a profitable concern, and would at any rate keep the bystanders warm for a few hours.

But it is not to be; while the bystanders hold their breath, British Leyland will take yet another mighty grip on its bootstraps, and with a mighty heave attempt to pull itself off the ground. And as its face grows purple with the effort, and its veins stand out like drainpipes, and its eyes bulge, Mr Varley will prepare to tell the House of Commons that although it is too early to say, he *thinks* he can see light under its soles. And I bet he doesn't laugh even then.

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How to feel less of a Stranger in the House

Finding myself in the Strangers Gallery at the House of Commons the other day, and my attention not being riveted the whole time to the debate on the EEC's agricultural policy, I had a chance to watch the ushers in action. I have to report that the House could not have more punctilious servants. Nor more fearsome ones.

I did not object to being told "Put that pen away" when I began to scribble down an MP's comment, though I thought a "please" might not have come amiss. I had broken a rule, and that was that.

As to the over-emphatic dumb show that one usher put on when ordering the lady next to me to remove her coat from the back of the seat in front of her, I gathered he was within his rights but I felt he might have been a little more gentlemanly about it.

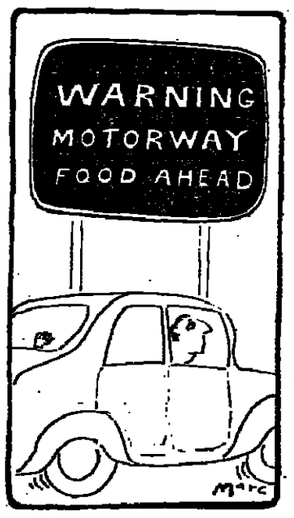
What did make my hackles rise, though, was what one of the ushers said to a young lady who succumbed to the incipient somnolence of the occasion by nodding off. "I've already told you once", he told her, with no hint of humour, "and if you do it again, you'll be taken to the Tower".

From then on, our unwitting misdemeanours came thick and fast—leaning over the balcony, not sitting close enough to the next person. And, every time, the watchdog pounced. By this time, I had begun to feel that a cough might have been construed as an act of treason.

The tension was broken when Gerry Fitt, the affable Member for Belfast West, erupted into the gallery with a group of what looked, and sounded, like constituents.

He pointed out to them the features of the House that mattered, made sure they were sitting comfortably and left. He returned a few minutes later, assured himself that all was going well—though by then they had been moved from the half-empty side pews to where we were tightly packed together in the centre block—and left with a cheery wave.

Not to feel too strange in the Strangers' Gallery, then, it seems you should: (a) keep in well with your MP and (b) read, digest and follow the rules on your pass. That way, you might even coax a smile from an usher, too.



"Due to a serious breakdown", says a Stoke-on-Trent sweets firm, "we regret that the size of caramels is reduced." Mrs F. J. Newman, of Bromley, who draws my attention to this sad state of affairs, says she hopes the diary will join her in wishing the caramels a speedy return to health.

Dawn of the cat's rights era

Celia Hammond, that wispy model of the mid-sixties who shocked the fashion world 15 years ago with an unfashionable refusal to pose in furs, drew blood yet again for the animal kingdom yesterday.

On what might well go down as the greatest day for cast since the creation of Puss-in-Boots, the delectable Miss Hammond launched the new organization called the Cat Action Trust (registered charity 274840).

Miss Hammond, who was converted to herbal cosmetics and synthetic furs after she sat next to an old lady with a handbagful of slaughterhouse pictures on a bus at Marble Arch, announced that even cats living in feral colonies have rights.

The aims of the trust will be to ensure the security of these cats (good news) partly by controlling their numbers through sterilization (less good news), and to find them more foster homes and sanctuary accommodation.

Miss Hammond told me: "For many years feral cats have been treated as vermin, and we have to elevate their status. They are in the state they are because of man's ignorance and lack of caring. They have rights and must no longer be persecuted."

Meo is brought to book at last

To have invented Steak Diane would have been enough for most master chefs. Not so Bartolomeo Calderoni. He also introduced scampi to Britain.

A sprightly 87, Meo is masterminding the Italian fortnight at the Café Royal which opened last night. He picked all the six chefs (flown over from Italy) and drew up all the menus. And to help launch the festa gastronomica, has written his first book *The Complete Book of Cold Dishes* (Sidgwick and Jackson, £12.50).

He tells me that, to qualify for the name, Steak Diane must not take more than three minutes to fry; slightly pink inside, then. As for the scampi, he imported them from Venice's Grand Hotel in exchange for British smoked salmon and grouse when he was head chef at Quaglino's in the 1930s.

Leading light of Euromusic

Life seems to be getting as hectic for some of Britain's young musicians as for the great international virtuosi.

Duncan Riddell, an 18-year-old violinist from Wimborne in Dorset, has been made co-leader of the new European Community Youth Orchestra, which has just completed its first tour of European capitals.

They were due to give a televised concert in Rome, under the baton of Edward Heath and Claudio Abbado, and on the same day Duncan was scheduled to take part in London in the area final of the Shell-London Symphony Orchestra Music Scholarship competition.

When Abbado heard about the clash, he insisted that Duncan should fly back to London. The trip was worth it. He was one of the winners of the area final. He will compete in the national final in London on July 1.

After the Rome concert, Mr Heath attended a luncheon given by Sir Alan Campbell, the British ambassador. He was clearly pleased to be addressed by appreciative Italian friends as *maestro*.

Keeping afloat at the Diver

Less than two months after being trapped by West Country blizzards in a Dartmoor public house, I found myself in the midst of somebody else's nightmare in London yesterday.

I was among the first journalists to be allowed safe passage into the besieged Diver pub in Holborn—a hostelry with beer but no customers thanks to the sit-in started 11 days ago by the popular manager, Charles Cambi.

Mr Cambi, aged 50, began his occupation when his employers, the Goodhew chain of pubs and hotels, announced it would hand over the Diver to Courage brewers in an exchange deal without finding him another job.

As Mr Cambi's sit into a symbolic fi rights of pub mana the big brewers, t Association of Lice Managers seems to verge of persuading black supplies of b Goodhew pubs.

Mr Cambi said: "Tell everyone I'll ing as long as nec are not going to managers as secon zeus of the brewi any longer."

Mr Cambi spen dealing with messe port from the driv and keeping wa attack from his ployers. I wish hi his serving elbow.

Doubtless with an eye on the sporting calendar, Rhode Tory spokesman on education, has chosen Centre Forw title for his new book. Maurice Temple Smith publish May 13—the week after the FA Cup Final and the day European Cup Final. Actually, the book has no more soccer than Ian Gilmour's Insight Right. Dr Boyson a his views on everything from economic policy and law to education, suggests that these are the views of the 90 per cent and submits that the Tories can score elect goals (vide the book title) if they identify with these

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UTH AFRICA'S NEIGHBOURS

South African Govern- poised to make its invid- ce over Namibia, Tran- e first independent s has broken off diplo- ations and declared a to show just how inde- it can be. Though some ay see this as a case ning biting the ventrilo- gesture is likely to have nificance (anyway, such be quite painful). For rica's choice in Namibia een creating a state like which no member of d Nations will recogn- ossibly to invoke selec- omic sanctions thereby, cept the Western plan hich a marxist-leaning adership might well be to victory and to quick on as the absolute mas- e new state. To add to rica's worries, the inter- ment in Rhodesia, which backs in its own best is under severe strain, de and from abroad. ensible reason for Chief a's action is the s claim to ancestral ond its frontiers. The son is the growing of the opposition, pro- at Transkei has no real ence despite the deten- s parliamentary leader ound that to articulate iments is treason. Chief a is now in effect say- ie United Nations that ot be more independent go to war, albeit cold nst South Africa; and position ever replaces a more acceptable at claim will become er to gainsay. However, less of any such bid for recognition is that time is exceedingly short before strangulation takes effect.

South Africa may be able to claim that if the Transkei can so flaunt its sovereignty, a Namibia under Mr Mudge's Turnhalle Alliance would be no stooge bantustan either. Were Chief Kapuuo still on the scene this might make sense, but the murder squad which removed him, much to the convenience of Swapo, has prevented it. An internal settlement under a South African supervised election leaving the whites even more visibly in control will convince nobody, and will leave South Africa with the running sore of a guerrilla war on Namibia's frontier which will increasingly invite the Russian-Cuban treatment. But if the Western plan is accepted, the South Africans will have to withdraw from the frontier area, almost certainly for good, and submit to a United Nations supervision of the elections which will probably be far from impartial. Indeed, African states will expect to be influential in it, and the United Nations is essentially anti-South African over the territory after the long legal dispute between them. And if Namibia emerges in hostile hands, one of the Republic's two last buffer states has gone.

The prospect of an independent, unfriendly Transkeian state developing yet more unsettled frontiers must be unwelcome to Pretoria. It can only come about if either the West or Russia now decides to give the defiant Khosas substantial backing. Such recognition, in whatever degree, would upset the black nationalists in the Republic; but it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that they may see Transkei's contumely as a tactical advantage in their own revolutionary struggle; they may accept that if South Africa is to be remodelled, all the states of the southern African region may be involved in a new constellation of sovereignties.

Whatever comes of it, Chief Matanzima's gesture helps to show white South Africans that the whole bantustan, or separate development, policy stands on sand. Either they keep scrupulously out of Transkei, and risk its becoming an international stamping ground, or they move in and show its sovereignty is the sham the West avers. To many Afrikaners Transkei's action will be seen just as symptomatic as Soweto that, given the slightest chance, the black man will assert whatever power he can muster against the white. The full reaction has yet to be assessed.

The West also faces difficult decisions. It will not suit its interests to destroy the already shaky Rhodesian settlement by seeming to promote Patriotic Front intransigence, which means prolonging guerrilla activity. The West needs a settlement in Namibia which is acceptable to the United Nations guidelines and avoids the quagmire of sanctions but does not install the sort of Swapo dictatorship of the black proletariat which Mr Nujoma is reported to be demanding. Finally, it will not suit the West to haver about Transkei only to find the Russians have squared their own consciences first.

AMA TREATIES IN JEOPARDY

o new treaties on the anal, which had looked they would just get er of votes that are or ratification in the tates Senate, have run it-minute difficulties.

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ouble has been caused servation to the first proved by the Senate at ence of Senator Dennis of Arizona, which low the Americans to tary force in Panama 0 to open the canal if it were closed for any reason. The reservation does not form part of the text of the treaty, but it would have that effect if it was accepted by the Panamanians. It has caused an outcry in Panama, where opposition to the treaties had been increasing in any case, and General Torrijos is under pressure to reject both treaties if he cannot get some modification of the DeConcini reservation.

In a sense, the reservation makes very little difference. The text of the treaty has already been modified, in a less explicit way thought to be acceptable to General Torrijos, to allow the Americans to intervene in defence of the canal if its neutrality was threatened. But Senator DeConcini insisted on the reservation, with its unambiguous wording, as the price of his support for the treaty as a whole; and the Carter Administration, which was having difficulty in raising the two-thirds majority which was needed, reluctantly agreed to support it. The result has been to inflame public opinion in Panama, which has long felt humiliated by its treatment at American hands. The political parties, which have recently been given greater freedom by General Torrijos, have mounted a campaign against the treaties.

There is little doubt that General Torrijos wants the treaties, as a means of ending the long years of American control of the canal and the canal zone. He has been prepared to make considerable concessions to the Americans in order to get them. But he, like Mr Carter, has to take account of strong feelings on the issue, and it was hardly helpful of the Senate to adopt the provocative wording of the DeConcini reservation. It is important for both the United States and Panama that there should be a new situation on the canal, as set out in the treaties, and that fact ought to carry more weight than the exact wording adopted concerning a contingency which cannot arise before the year 2000 and may never arise. It is in the interest of both parties to recover the ambiguity which the Senate has removed.

SIDENT MARCOS STILL RIDING HIGH

an accept that the elec- l last week in the Philip- re truly representative. with, the martial law as far back as 1972 was htly relaxed during the rcical election campaign now been reimposed ewed force. President in an effective partner- his wife, has been the ng", with all other poli- om the past left grum- the shadows. The only n opposition leader who ve challenged him, Sena- no Aquino, was arrested er martial law was im- d had to make the oppo- se from his prison cell. tion to these barriers re well attested accounts ng irregularities. At- by foreign correspon- check ballot boxes were by police. At the very pport for the opposition ffled in the returns d.

ight seem to mean that ous movement of protest e in the Philippines such ed Mr Bhutto's fixing of ions a year ago in Pakis- esident Marcos's flam- olitical style has indeed much in common with Mr Bhutto's and if the hooting of horns, the banging of gongs and other noises of disapproval called forth on behalf of the opposition in Manila last week were any sign, there is much ill-feeling that may not have been expressed at the polls. Even with Senator Aquino in prison some upheaval might be foreseen.

But perhaps a more accurate parallel for President Marcos's six years of dominance would be with Mrs Gandhi's Indian emergency. Most of the politicians banished in 1972 were wished good riddance for their corruption and inveterate intrigues. As in India unfettered rule gave land reform a push, brought order instead of anarchy, peace instead of violence and tangible improvement in standards of living as the economy gained confidence—all this in the towns, at least. So long as politics were left alone there was a living to be made, a career to be pursued, the pleasures of private life to be savoured. There was even some national satisfaction to be drawn from the country moving up in the regional table by reason of its larger gross national product.

By these means President Marcos earned the acceptance of a comfortably conditioned, though apathetic electorate. There is much room in Asia for political apathy to spread when it is accompanied by economic gain. Externally President Marcos was able to reinforce his regime by taking a strong stand against the Americans. After the crash in Vietnam the Americans were ready to entertain demands from all countries in the region that wanted military bases scaled down or withdrawn. Stressing the theme of extraterritorial rights enjoyed by American soldiers President Marcos took a stance and won some concessions. At the same time nationalist feeling declined. American bases no longer seemed so "imperialist". As American power receded China became a fashionable country for south-east Asia to patronize and President and Mrs Marcos made the most of that, too. Although President Marcos's faults are likely to attract more notice from now onwards political change in the Philippines will need more than his failings to fasten on.

il professors' pay

fessor E. M. McGirr

ree with the first principle d by my colleagues in the of Medicine, University of (April 5) that the financial of clinical academic staff armonise with those of non- colleagues in the NHS. bility should be achieved open contract without to payments for items of emergency duties, out of call, etc, which in my view e inimical to the academic ient and are inconsistent academic as well as a nal ethos.

less happy about their proposal that senior aca- staff should be allowed to limited private practice, but apparently not always ings from it are paid into nal funds. These earnings doubt normally used to the research efforts of ental staff, but they may efit the individual. They refore become an induce- academics to participate in private practice to the detriment of their academic work and to the disadvantage of NHS colleagues who are less likely to be able to command comparable investigative resources. Opportunities for private practice are unevenly spread over the country and vary from speciality to speciality. Remuneration for it could create division between academics in different regions and disciplines as well as between them and their NHS colleagues.

There is political controversy about the future of private medicine in the United Kingdom. Private beds are currently and progressively being eliminated from NHS hospitals. Accordingly it seems to me to be inopportune for academics to seek to develop or safeguard an interest in the private sector of medicine, for whatever motive, at a time when their NHS colleagues, on whom they depend for a very great deal of the bed-side teaching of their students, are likely to be excluded from involvement with private patients in the hospital sector of the NHS.

I should perhaps make it clear that I support the continuation of private medicine as an alternative to the NHS for those who wish it and I have no objections to some private beds in NHS hospitals for those who are willing to use their earnings or savings to defray their cost. I submit that at least some of the influences of private medicine have been beneficial to patient care. My part-time colleagues in the NHS have in general done a great deal to maintain and improve the standards of medical practice and clinical teaching at the bed-side by their personal skills and professional attitudes just as my academic colleagues have made their particular contribution to progress by the efforts they have devoted to academic clinical work, research and medical education. Their attitudes and interests are not exclusive to either group though the emphasis of their activities varies.

In the best interests of academic medicine it is my view that there is no place for private practice in it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Commitment to racial justice and harmony

From the Chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality

Sir, In the aftermath of the statements by Mr Rees and Mr Whitelaw, I write to make two pleas to my friends and former colleagues in Parliament.

First, mainly to the Conservatives: leaving aside the details of their immigration "package", I am concerned lest preoccupation with immigration should distract attention from the most urgent issues of race relations in this country. May we please hear increasingly from Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues (and from members of the present Government) about their positive policies for tackling racial disadvantage and discrimination, for the inner cities, for unemployed youth, etc.

Second, while I have always favoured full public discussion, may I beg politicians of all parties to conduct the immigration controversy in restrained and responsible terms (not always the case in interparty exchanges during recent weeks)? This whole subject is sensitive, and the atmosphere is already tense. Wild words from any of us in public life, magnified through the media, do immediate damage to race relations.

The challenge facing us all for the future is to ensure racial justice and harmony and to promote equal opportunity in a Britain where the coloured minority, now nearly two million, will number three million or so before the end of the century, whatever is done about immigration. I remain confident that we can succeed. But success will require the strongest commitment and the broadest possible consensus among the main political parties.

Yours truly,
DAVID LANE,
Chairman,
Commission for Racial Equality,
Elliot House,
10-12 Allington Street, SW1.
April 10.

From the Director of the Runnymede Trust

Sir, Your leader ("So that's what Mrs Thatcher meant", April 8), argues that some of Mr Whitelaw's proposals should pass the test of being effective and humane without too much difficulty.

Penalizing one group of citizens in order to appease the irrational fears of another is neither humane nor an acceptable basis for public policy. Mr Whitelaw's proposals are essentially more concerned with appeasing fears about numbers entering Britain than with any humane principles of right to family life, sexual equality or the fate of temporary workers.

Secondly, Mr Whitelaw's proposals would not be effective in substantially reducing the number of immigrants entering Britain. If the Tory proposals had been in existence in 1977 no more than 6,000 would have been affected from the Indian sub-continent.

It is also an exaggeration to say that the male fiancé provision offers a loophole in this country's immigration laws because of the Asian custom of the arranged marriage. Figures show that in 1977 the overall figure was 5,607 of which only 927 came from India, 380 from Pakistan and 498 from the United States.

Yours faithfully,
USHA PRASHAR, Director,
The Runnymede Trust,
62 Chandos Place, WC2.

From the General Secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties

Sir, It is regrettable that you should give such easy assent (leader, April 8), to Mr Whitelaw's proposal to deny foreign husbands and fiancés the right to join their wives or fiancées in this country.

Mr Whitelaw argues that the customs of Europe and the Indian sub-continent make it right for a woman to be forced to live in her husband's country and not her own—an extraordinary proposition in the face of fundamental changes in women's economic and social position, reflected in part by anti-discrimination laws supported by both Labour and Conservative governments. It is also odd that Mr Whitelaw should seek to rely on a supposed tradition of dependence, when until 1968 women settled in this country had the right to be joined by a foreign husband. The 1968-1974 ban on foreign husbands and fiancés was a comparatively brief injustice—not a tradition to be admired.

For a major policy statement on a sensitive and complex issue, Mr Whitelaw's speech was deplorably confused and ill-informed. At one point, he suggested that only the husbands and fiancés of Commonwealth citizens (including United Kingdom citizens) should be banned—the implication being that a foreign woman legally settled in the United Kingdom should have a right to be joined by her foreign husband, denied to our own citizens. At another point, he suggested that the ban will be applied to all non-patrial husbands and fiancés, whether from Commonwealth or other countries. He did not explain that citizens of other EEC countries (including fiancés and husbands) are entitled to come to the United Kingdom to seek work: nor that women citizens of other EEC countries, who have come here to work, are entitled under EEC regulations to be accompanied by their husbands, children and other dependants. He perpetuated the confusion between the tradition of arranged marriages, and marriages of convenience designed to circumvent immigration control. And he muddles up immigration control with citizenship law, wrongly suggesting that the United Kingdom confers its citizenship on foreign husbands of United Kingdom citizens.

Mr Whitelaw stressed that the new proposals are to be implemented with due consideration for "compassionate" cases. The 1968-1974 rules likewise made allowance for cases of exceptional hardship or compassionate circumstances: but this discretion did not prevent either a Labour or Conservative government from inflicting the most deplorable hardship on a large number of women who were forced either to separate from their husbands or to abandon their families and lives here.

Finally, Mr Whitelaw's proposed ban on foreign husbands and fiancés would, if implemented, place the United Kingdom Government, yet again, in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights which protects the right to marry and found a family, free from discrimination on grounds of sex or race.

Yours etc.,
PATRICIA HEWITT,
General Secretary,
National Council for Civil Liberties,
186 Kings Cross Road, WC1.
April 9.

From Miss Emily Thornberry

Sir, I was alarmed by your leading article today ("So that is what Mrs Thatcher Meant", April 8). You have given your prestigious support to the particular part of the Conservative immigration proposals that may discriminate directly against me, in common with other female United Kingdom patrials.

Am I right in assuming that if I fell in love with an Indian and married him, you and Mr Whitelaw feel I should not have the right to bring him home with me, but you have no objection to sharing our country with my brother's possible Indian wife?

Perhaps at 17 I am still too naive and idealistic to understand the subtleties involved; but still I must express my outrage. Whatever happened to sexual equality and the freedom of the individual that the Conservatives claim they stand for?

Yours faithfully,
EMILY THORNBERRY,
8 Chancellors Street, W6.

Safekeeping of the Blenheim papers

From the Keeper of the Archives, Churchill College

Sir, Since the long article by the British Library's Head of Conservation in *The Times Literary Supplement* last November makes no reference to recent installation of partial air conditioned storage, but rather throws heavy emphasis on the urgent need for such storage, Lord Eccles (April 6) cannot be surprised if misunderstandings occur. I can tell him that it will come as news to at least one member of his own board that the Library possesses any air conditioned shelving.

It must be accepted, however, that the Secretary of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, as a former Deputy Keeper of Manuscripts at the British Library, must have been fully apprised of the nature of the Library's existing facilities. But in our own case the Royal Commission's first and crucial decision to advise the Minister to award custody of the Blenheim Archive to the British Library and not to us was reached without our being visited in regard to our claim by any representative of the Royal Commission or the Department of Education and Science; indeed without our being communicated with in any way following our application. We were later informed by the Department of Education and Science that it was not for them to investigate claims, but for the Royal Commission; and by the Royal Commission that they themselves could not directly pursue enquiries, but only work through the Department. This breakdown in liaison between the two bodies constitutes one of the more disquieting aspects of the whole Blenheim Archive affair.

Despite Lord Eccles's letter, the published evidence (including the case made for a vast new British Library building at taxpayers' expense) shows that the Library's present storage and conservation arrangements are wanting, and it may be assumed that the Library, in its eagerness to obtain and retain the Blenheim Archive, has chosen to concentrate on it such facilities as it possesses. Nevertheless, on Lord Eccles's own admission, the Blenheim Archive is at present *not* in air conditioned storage, as it would be if it had come to Churchill College, but exposed to London's noxious atmosphere. Nor does his reference to the staff allotted to the Blenheim Archive bear out his claim that only the British Library could meet the scale of work necessary; indeed, together with the speed of processing, it serves to confirm my own belief that the existing order and condition of the Blenheim Archive are such as to present no vast problem of handling.

It still remains true, Sir, that there exist no decisive archival grounds for the Minister's decision to award custody of the Blenheim Archive to the British Library rather than to Churchill College, in contravention of family wishes and of national and symbolic appropriateness. There does exist, however, grounds for disquiet as to how this important matter has been handled by the responsible authorities.

Yours faithfully,
CORRELLI BARNETT,
Churchill College,
Cambridge.

Control of road building

From the Secretary of the Council on Tribunals

Sir, The letters today (April 7) from Mr Timothy Raison, MP, and Mr Harley Sherlock make it desirable to clarify the position of the Council on Tribunals, whose chief concern in this field is the fairness of procedures associated with public inquiries.

It is widely agreed that certain matters of broad strategy and general policy are unsuitable for debate at inquiries into individual trunk road and motorway schemes. The Council naturally welcome the fullest discussion in Parliament of matters which Parliament considers are best settled at that level.

The review of highway inquiry procedures was conducted on the basis of the existing statutory framework. It was carried out by the responsible government departments in consultation with the Council, and it was always intended that the results would be announced by the government. A separate statement by the Council would have been needed only if irreconcilable differences had emerged.

In fact, the Council support the changes of practice which have been announced. They believe that these changes will increase public confidence in the fairness of inquiries into trunk road and motorway schemes.

But there is more to be done in this connexion. The Council will consider, and discuss with the departments concerned, how far the new practices should be embodied in formal procedural rules. The Highways (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1976 were agreed to be provisional, pending the completion of the review.

In the longer term the Council will continue to take a close interest in the operation of highway inquiries, and will consider whether any further changes are desirable. They will also study the extent to which the changes now announced have implications for other types of inquiry.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. HAWKSWORTH, Secretary,
Council on Tribunals,
6 Spring Gardens, SW1
April 7.

Expanding the EEC

From Professor James Barber

Sir, John Biffen, in arguing that everyone wants to see the EEC grow bigger (April 6), undervalues the problems that could come with expansion. These would include organization and decision making problems—making arrangements for the additional languages, finding places for officials from the new member states and, most taxing of all, reaching agreements between 12 governments when there is already the greatest difficulty with nine.

There would be economic problems, such as competition with producers of similar commodities already in the Community, and the problems of absorbing three economies, which by European standards, are not highly developed. Already the Community faces the danger of division between the "rich" and the "poor" and this could only be intensified.

Finally there could be political problems. While recent democratic developments in Spain, Portugal and Greece are very encouraging, the history of these states must leave doubts about their ability to sustain these developments. Can the Community risk the danger of unstable or autocratic regimes in its midst?

The problems I have outlined are already well known. The right decision may be to accept the risks, to offer places to the three states for the very reasons advanced by Mr Biffen. There obviously are attractions in expansion, but it serves nobody if the problems are ignored. In the past much of the frustration and disillusionment with the Community has arisen because too much was expected from it. Mr Biffen's approach to expansion carries similar dangers. His glad, confident morning could easily turn into a night of bitter despair unless the problems as well as the opportunities of expansion are fully appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES BARBER,
Professor of Political Science,
The Open University,
Walton Hall,
Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire.
April 7.

Secure psychiatric units

From Lord Allen of Abbeydale

Sir, I refer to your, necessarily brief, account of the debate in the House of Lords on March 22 about the report of the committee on Mentally Abnormal Offenders which was chaired by Lord Butler of Saffron Walden.

I am not sure that the importance of the statements then made by Ministers is widely enough known. Lord Wells-Pestell made it clear that the Department of Health and Social Security stood by the recommendations for setting up regional secure psychiatric units; and Lord Harris of Greenwich looked forward to changes in the Mental Health Act 1959 and also explained that the Home Office was about to circulate consultative papers on relevant amendments to the criminal law.

It has taken some time. But it looks as though the members of the committee, after all their work, may take comfort from the fact that the Government now seems set on implementing a considerable part of their recommendations.

Yours faithfully,
ALLEN OF ABBEYDALE,
House of Lords.

Select committee powers

From Mr Geoffrey Robinson, MP for Coventry NW (Labour)

Sir, Ronald Butt's article on Select Committees (*The Times*, Thursday, April 6) rightly concludes that these committees cannot function as they do in the United States given the present structure and operation of British Parliamentary democracy. For them to work as they do in the United States would necessitate the disjuncture of the executive from the legislative.

But quite why if we adopted this system it should, as Mr Butt seems to imply, make for swifter or better policy decisions is hard to understand. Just reflect for an instance that it took President Johnson virtually the whole length of a presidency to get through an urgently needed tax increase, or bleed with President Carter as his important Energy Bill dies the death of a thousand cuts!

If nevertheless we are to have grafted on to our system more select committees enjoying full parliamentary privilege and with extended and strengthened powers to investigate and compel testimony, then we shall seriously have to consider certain fundamental constitutional factors raised by the way they are likely to operate.

Is it right for example, as recently happened, that a chairman of a public corporation—or a private one as presumably could happen—should be publicly interrogated as to whom he intends to sack from his management team; or be compelled to disclose what his future "options" are when these involve closures and redundancies about which he is engaged in confidential negotiations with the trade unions? No-one seriously regards private sessions as being an adequate safeguard on matters such as these.

And are we not anyway in danger of throwing overboard central elements of our common law heritage which include rules of evidence and procedure, and which allow each party full time to present its case?

Whatever the merits or otherwise of select committees if their powers of investigation and interrogation are to be increased and extended, a great deal more discretion and good sense to avoid their abuse will have to be shown by those sitting on them if the system is not to inherit the mantle of the Court of Star Chamber which the House of Commons itself abolished in 1641!

Yours, etc.,
GEOFFREY ROBINSON,
House of Commons.
April 6.

Army conservation

From Professor David Nichols

Sir, Your report (April 5) on the conservation activities of the Army prompts me to mention another aspect of the way in which Army personnel help to conserve our wildlife. 1977 was Underwater Conservation Year in Britain, a special effort conceived by the British Sub-Aqua Club to involve both sport and professional divers in concern for the plants and animals in the waters around our shores.

For several years the University of Exeter has held courses for divers from the services to introduce them to the basic aspects of marine biology. The spin off from these courses has been remarkable, in that diving groups, particularly from the Army, have taken a leading role in special research projects during the year, the results of which have added greatly to our knowledge of the population structure of common plants and animals of the sea in a way which has not been possible before.

One example is a nationwide census of the large British sea urchin, an animal of increasing commercial interest, whose population structure has never before been systematically investigated. During the year, Army groups organized expeditions to remote parts of our coast to record information on this animal which has now formed a major part of a report on its present status.

There are scientists who believe that non-professionals cannot make meaningful contributions to disciplined scientific research; but their view is not supported by the recent activities of Army personnel who, in a purely voluntary capacity, have worked so effectively as scientific diving teams during Underwater Conservation Year.

I remain, yours faithfully,
DAVID NICHOLS,
Department of Biological Sciences,
University of Exeter,
Hatherly Laboratories,
Prince of Wales Road,
Exeter.
April 5.

Western Australian art

From The Agent General of Western Australia

Sir, In 1979 the State of Western Australia celebrates its 150th birthday, the first settlers having landed on our shores from England in 1829.

As part of its contribution to the celebrations next year, the Western Australian Art Gallery is recording all known landscapes produced of the state in its colonial days prior to 1900 and hopes to publish a comprehensive illustrated catalogue of such works.

Most of our state's early pioneers came from Britain and it is known that a number sent home sketches and drawings with letters. Some settlers subsequently returned to this country, bringing with them sketches and paintings of the Swan River Colony, as Western Australia was then known. It is hoped that some of these may still be in the possession of descendants.

I would be very interested to hear from any of your readers knowing the location of original paintings and drawings depicting the life and/or landscape in colonial Western Australia.

Yours faithfully,
L. W. SLADE, Agent General,
Government of Western Australia,
115 Strand, WC2.
March 4.

A national lottery

From Professor N. Kurti, FRS

Sir, Mr Robin Day, in his imaginative proposal (*The Times*, April 3), to establish a foundation for the support of the arts, education, research, etc, financed by a national lottery, rightly points out that we already have a government-run lottery averaging £50 million per annum: it is called Premium Savings Bonds. Regretably, he reminds your readers of the often used disingenuous advertising slogan "Win or lose, you keep your stake" without unequivocally dismissing it. The stake money is the interest the bond would have earned, and the yearly interest entitles the holder to participate in *one year's* draws. Once he sold his premium bond his entitlement ceased.

The Premium Bond lottery differs from usual lotteries in two important aspects:—

1. It discourages people from gambling with high stakes since, for the privilege of buying 50p worth of lottery tickets, one must lend the government £10 without getting interest on it.

2. The stake is automatically renewed every year as long as one holds the premium bond—in other words one must *contract out* of the scheme.

I am amazed how many educated people are taken in by the clever publicity and believe that they participate in a lottery without paying for it.

Yours faithfully,
N. KURTI,
Department of Engineering Science,
University of Oxford,
Parks Road,
Oxford.

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WINDSOR CASTLE

April 10: The Right Hon Denis Healey, MP (Chancellor of the Exchequer) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the British National Appeal of the World Wildlife Fund, gave a Reception this evening at Windsor Castle for Members of the 1001 Club.

KENSINGTON PALACE

April 10: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a performance of *The Dream of Gerontius* held in Westminster Cathedral, in aid of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund and Westminster Cathedral Choir School.

The Lady Elizabeth Cavendish was in attendance.

The annual show in aid of the Variety Artistes Ladies' and Children's Guild will take place at the Adelphi Theatre on Sunday, April 30.

Middlesex Philatelic Federation will hold their annual convention and exhibition on Saturday, April 15, from 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm, at the Cavendish Pavilion, Eastcote, Middlesex.

Birthdays today

Colonel J. P. Carne, VC, 72; Mr Laurence Irving, 81; Sir Alan Lascelles, 91; Sir Robert Maclean, 70.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Major-General T. S. C. Streatfeild to be Director Royal Artillery in June, in succession to Major-General T. L. Morony.

Major-General P. J. Plaskett to be Director General of Transportation Executive (Army) in June, in succession to Major-General P. H. Benson, who is to retire.

Dr B. R. Rees, Principal of St David's University College, Lampeter, to be president of the Classical Association for 1978-79.

Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales, as president, will preside at international council meeting of United World Colleges, Atlantic College, St Donat's Castle, South Glamorgan, 12.25.

The Duke of Kent will visit factory of EMI-MEC, East Grinstead, 11; as liveryman of Mercers' Company, will visit Whittington College, Felbridge, 2.30.

Exhibition: From Manet to Toulouse-Lautrec, British Museum, 10-5.

Antiques Fair: Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, Hampstead, 11.30-7.

Play: Titus Andronicus, Shakespeare, Bristol Old Vic, 7.15.

Lecture: Journey to Antarctica, Geological Museum, South Kensington, 2.30.

Talk: Gregorian Music, by Mr E. H. Warrell, St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap, 1.10.

The Barrow Poets, City Music Society, Bishopsgate Hall, 1.05.

Opera: The Mikado, presented by Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society, King Ecgbert School, Furniss Avenue, Sheffield, 7.30.

Luncheon

British Council

Sir John Llewellyn, Director-General, British Council, was host at a luncheon held at 10 Spring Gardens, yesterday, in honour of Professor Gunnar Axel Hambraeus, Director, Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, and Mrs Hambraeus.

Dinner

Lady Rowlandson

Sir Graham and Lady Rowlandson gave a dinner party at 18 Grosvenor Square last night in honour of the Ambassador of Czechoslovakia and Mme Cerníková. Those present included:

The Ambassador of El Salvador and Señora Calderon, the High Commissioner for Singapore and Mrs Jek, Lord and Lady Home of the Hirsel, Lord and Lady Gladwyn and Mr Ellis and Baroness Birk.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. C. Clifford Turner and Miss K. R. Clark

The engagement is announced between David Colin, son of the late Mr J. Clifford Turner and Mrs G. L. M. Clifford Turner, of Fairways, Reigate, and Katherine Rosemary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. J. G. Clark, of Dover Barton, Reigate.

Mr C. D. Cronk and Mrs D. R. Scott

The engagement is announced between Colin Cronk, of Reigate, Surrey, and Diana Scott, of Blackheath, SE3, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Blackburne-Kane, of the British Embassy, Washington, DC.

Major E. P. Curtis and Miss C. M. Armstrong

The engagement is announced between Edward Philip, only son of the late Mr and Mrs Gerald Curtis, of Cwmbach Lodge, Glasbury-on-Wye, Via Hereford, and Catherine Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Armstrong, of Christchurch, New Zealand.

Mr C. Fletcher and Miss C. Hassard

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs M. Fletcher, of Lairg, Sutherland, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Hassard, of Oakley, Bedfordshire

Mr R. L. A. Gollin and Miss J. M. Smith

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Gollin, of Ashtead, Surrey, and Joanna, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Smith, of Hoath, Kent.

Mr G. M. Jones and Miss C. M. Eyres

The engagement is announced between Geraint, son of Mr and Mrs R. K. Jones, of Luton, and Caroline, younger daughter of the late Mr Peter Eyres and Mrs June Eyres, of Kewland Hall, Henley, Suffolk.

Dr P. Kinsella and Miss E. O'Donoghue

The engagement is announced between Patrick Kinsella, Carnew, co Wicklow, and Eileen O'Donoghue, Muckross, Killarney.

Mr W. J. N. Moore and Mlle R. Letestu

The engagement is announced between John, only son of the late Mr W. M. Moore and of Mrs Moore of Fulmer, Buckinghamshire and Roselyne, eldest daughter of M and Mme Letestu, of 61 boulevard Beauséjour, Paris.

Lt-Cdr R. N. J. Wright, RN and Mrs C. Farquharson

The marriage will take place quietly in July between Richard Wright, of Yalding, Kent, and Carol Farquharson, of Alverstoke, Hampshire.

The marriage arranged between Captain Stewart Vetch and Miss June Ross will not take place.

Marriages

Mr J. M. Jefferson and Miss M. M. N. Graham

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 25, 1978, at Auldearn Church, between Mr Julian Jefferson, son of Group Captain and Mrs J. N. Jefferson and Miss Mary Graham, daughter of Major and Mrs N. J. O. Graham. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Fiona Sylvester, Rory Douglas and Miss Anna Graham. Mr Mark Dessain was best man.

The honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr C. F. Mayer III and Mrs S. Service

A service of blessing took place on Friday, April 7, at St Mary Abbots, Kensington, after the marriage of Mr Carl Frederick Mayer III, only son of Mr Carl Frederick Mayer Junior and Mrs George Sutliff, both of Rocky River, Ohio, and Mrs Sarah Service, only daughter of Mr Jack Rashleigh Belcher and Mrs Rashleigh Belcher. The Rev Ian L. Robson officiated.

Women Caring Trust

The House of Lords versus the House of Commons swimming contest, in aid of the Women Caring Trust, was won by the House of Commons at the Lansdowne Club on Sunday. Those competing were:

Earl Alexander of Tunis, Lord Morris, Lord Milner of Leeds, Lord Lovell-Davis, Lord Greenway, Lord Lyell; Mr Reginald Maudling, MP, Mr Albert Booth, MP, Mr Jim Spicer, MP, Mr Nicholas Scott, MP, Mr Edward Graham, MP, and Mr David Price, MP.

Fragment of Egyptian stone carved with hieroglyphs is sold for £12,000

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A fragment of dark-grey stone, measuring roughly 11½ inches by 10 inches, on which Egyptian hieroglyphs and figures were carved in low relief at the time of the XXVIth Dynasty, was sold for £12,000 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) at Sotheby's yesterday.

The fragment looks as if it once belonged to the base of a statue or monument. It shows two Nile gods (most of one complete, only the head of the other) ritually tying together the two bands. The cartouches between them contain the name of King Psammetichus II.

A similar but smaller rectangular fragment, carved with a figure of the god Thoth and the remains of a hieroglyphic inscription, made £8,000 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000). Both pieces were formerly in the Sambon collection. A 7½ inch bronze figure of a cat of the Saite period made a more predictable £6,800 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000).

Those were the main items in the two-session sale of antiquities, which totalled £150,435, with 9 per cent unsold.

A sale of European and American arms and armour held by Sotheby's in Los Angeles on Sunday totalled £120,096, with 5 per cent unsold. Besides several expensive modern guns there was a Kentucky flintlock rifle by Brooks dating from the first quarter of the nineteenth century at $10,000 (estimate $7,000 to $9,000) or £5,319.

At Christie's yesterday a sale of Chinese ceramics and works of art made £114,154, with 11 per cent unsold. S. Marchant paid the top price at £9,500 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000) for a *famille verte* saucer dish painted with branches of peach and pomegranate in green, yellow and aubergine; there is also incised decoration of dragons pursuing flaming pearls.

Other high prices included a Yung Cheng *famille rose* lemon-yellow ground dish at £5,500 (estimate £250 to £400); the shallow interior is painted with a butterfly hovering over chrysanthemum blossoms. A T'ang dynasty glazed buff figure of an attendant, 28 inches high on a slightly chipped base, made £4,200 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000).

The first two sessions of Christie's sale of pictures and drawings in Holland yesterday, which was largely devoted to Dutch nineteenth-century works, made £116,162, with 33 per cent unsold. "Cattle and sheep in an extensive landscape" by Hendrik Savry made 13,000 guilders (estimate 3,000 to 4,000) or £3,170. A "Canal scene" by Salomon Leonardus Verweer made 10,000 guilders (estimate 6,000 to 8,000) or £2,439.

Royal Academy sets up art discount scheme

By Our Arts Reporter

The Royal Academy is offering up to an eighth off the price of purchases made through its new company, Business Art Galleries, set up to promote the buying and selling of contemporary art by industry and commerce.

There are 450 items on view in the academy's diploma galleries. Discounts start at a twentieth on purchases from £1,000 to £2,499 and go up to an eighth when the figure exceeds £10,000.

Mr Stephen Reiss, joint managing director, said yesterday: "We have had a bank asking for advice on chosing portraits, a firm wanting to know about decorating a new suite of offices and another asking about pictures it wants for flats where overseas visitors stay."

Runaway win in bridge contest

More than eight hundred players competed in the mixed pairs championship of the British Bridge League for the Portland Club Cup, which was played in London, Droitwich, Harrogate and Glasgow at the weekend (our Bridge Correspondent writes).

It resulted in a runaway win for Dr and Mrs A. P. Sowter, of Nottinghamshire, who finished 965 points ahead of their nearest challengers, Mrs A. J. Parr and J. D. Rue, of Gloucestershire. Results:

1, Dr and Mrs A. Sowter (Nottinghamshire) 18,430; 2, Mrs A. J. Parr, J. D. Rue (Gloucestershire) 17,466; 3, Miss N. Beech, J. Amsbury (Middlesex) 17,410; 4, Mrs S. Harris, R. D. Bretherton (Berkshire and Buckinghamshire) 17,207; 5, Mrs M. Hill, H. R. Woodburn (Scotland) 17,113; 6, Mrs J. Wightman, M. Davis (Leicestershire) 17,078; 7, Miss F. Nicholson, J. McIlroy (Scotland) 17,066; 8, Mrs D. Hedont, R. J. Smith (Surrey) 16,909.

Heathfield School, Ascot, Fellowship

This year's meeting of the Heathfield School, Ascot, Fellowship will take place at Heathfield, on Saturday, May 6. Evensong will be at 3 pm, when the preacher will be the Rev D. W. A. Stride. All old girls and their families and staff are most welcome. Please reply to Mrs Parry, Heathfield School, Ascot. (NB, All future fellowship meetings will take place on the Saturday following Ascension Day).

Dances and cocktail parties, 1978

A list of some of the dances and cocktail parties arranged to take place during 1978 will be published on May 1 and again on July 3. The charge for inclusion in one list will be £7 and in two lists £8. Inquiries should be made to Court and Social Advertising, The Times, PO Box 7, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ (telephone 01-837 1234, ext 7363).

Dartmouth passing out

Admiral Sir Terence Lewin, First Sea Lord, took the salute on behalf of the Queen at Lord High Admiral's Divisions yesterday, when the following officers under training passed out from Britannia Royal Naval College:

GENERAL LIST (Seamen). Sub-lieutenants: J. N. Morris, D. N. A. Pollitt, A. J. Rix, R. J. Singleton. Midshipmen: R. S. Alexander, R. J. Brooksbank, N. J. Chatwin, W. R. Corbett, T. G. Davies, C. S. Garner, N. S. C. Gasson, S. M. Gillespie, A. P. Green, D. A. Halliday, N. R. E. Harrap, D. A. Jones, A. Joyner, N. O. Ledingham, A. F. Lovell, K. W. Murphy, N. J. Pomfrett, S. A. G. Ross, J. H. Stanford, T. P. Tinsley, N. R. E. Trundle, B. G. Wainwright, S. C. Wilson, J. N. A. Wood.

GENERAL LIST (Engineers). Midshipmen: R. G. Anderson, C. F. Barnard, M. J. R. Bishop, P. K. Boreham, D. R. L. Brown, T. Bull, J. R. Carruthers, G. G. Duffield, S. J. England, P. J. S. Fowler, J. P. H. Fulford, S. R. Gosden, G. R. Graham, D. M. Griffiths, P. A. Hall, S. Hobbs, C. J. Hockley, J. T. Hunter, G. E. Jolliffe, W. J. Keegan, N. Jones, P. D. Jones, P. F. McCombie, P. O. Merriman, C. B. Neave, N. A. Odoni, S. K. Orridge, S. P. A. Perry-Evans, L. R. Plant, R. Richardson, G. M. Roberts, P. D. Selwyn, A. J. Steel, J. R. Tuck, G. Umpleby, N. R. Walker, J. L. M. Watkins, A. R. White, K. P. Wilson, S. S. Young.

GENERAL LIST (Supply & Secretariat). Sub-lieutenant: J. S. N. Seddon. Midshipmen: P. J. Gorsuch, J. H. Rees, M. F. Spiller, S. A. Ward.

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST (Seamen). Midshipmen: M. J. Griffiths, M. J. Grimley, J. S. Hymers, D. J. A. McKimm, R. Mc. A. Miller, A. W. Robertson, S. J. G. Roper, D. A. Ward, R. A. Williamson, P. R. Wood.

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST (Engineers). Midshipmen: G. R. Ball, A. J. Mawson.

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST (Supply and Secretariat). Sub-lieutenant: P. Barker.

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST (Air). Sub-lieutenants: I. Bryant, J. A. Doidge, M. P. Jennings, A. C. Parke. Midshipmen: W. Campbell, K. S. Denby, T. R. Fosker, E. R. Hardman, P. M. Harrison, J. C. Hatton, W. T. Johnson, E. J. O. Lewis, P. McIntosh, P. C. Owen, P. R. Shepherd, M. Simon, W. Taylor, P. N. Yeats.

INSTRUCTOR OFFICERS. Lieutenants: J. K. Bowles, E. P. Cain, P. D. Friar, J. W. Gardner, M. H. Rawkes, A. C. Knight, P. E. Marshall, J. Richardson, C. A. Robinson, C. Wilson.

SPECIAL DUTIES LIST. A Sub-lieutenants: D. E. Berrisford, L. F. Biddle (RAN), I. G. Broadsmith (RAN), J. A. Connell, T. K. Daniel, C. L. Hamlin, D. W. Jenkins (RAN), P. R. Johnson, A. G. McDonough (RAN), L. P. O'Driscoll (RAN), R. J. Pullyblank, B. E. Tee, D. G. Tindale.

WRNS OFFICERS. Probationary Third Officers: J. Butler, A. Carpenter, S. A. Fulford, M. A. Gregg, J. L. Keirl, S. L. Kidd, P. G. Melville-Brown, P. C. Moore, J. K. Savill, H. R. Warner.

INTERNATIONAL LIEUTENANTS. N. Al-Harsh (United Arab Emirates); Al-Mohairy (United Arab Emirates).

INTERNATIONAL SUB-LIEUTENANTS. A. B. Addison (Ghana); P. S. Adeniyi (Nigeria); K. Al-Farraj (Kuwait); M. Al-Room (United Arab Emirates); G. H. Anku (Ghana); G. M. Blekro (Ghana); L. O. Fabiyi (Nigeria); O. O. Francis (Nigeria); M. O. Ituludiegwu (Nigeria); E. F. Obiakor (Nigeria); B. Rahman (Bangladesh).

INTERNATIONAL MIDSHIPMEN. S. A. K. Al-Abdulla (Qatar); S. A. R. Al-Alawi (Oman); A. A. R. A. Al-Baluchi (Oman); Y. N. H. Al-Busaid (Oman); A. A. M. S. Al-Zidgali (Oman); Al Zybaidi (Oman); A. Aminzaheri (Iran); B. Askari (Iran); M. Astandoust (Iran); J. T. Donovan (Eire); A. E. Edwards (Guyana); H. C. Fraser (Guyana); F. Guan (Malaysia); J. H. Hassanuddin (Brunei); B. O. Jamil (Malaysia); K. H. Javed (Pakistan); M. J. Junaid (Pakistan); A. Kabir (Bangladesh); J. R. K. Kariuki (Kenya); D. R. M. Kelly (Eire); Lam Yuen Wah (Singapore); Liew Weng Foo (Singapore); M. A. Mellett (Eire); S. Mortazavi (Iran); J. H. M. Mutungi (Kenya); Nezafat (Iran); B. O'Halloran (Eire); E. Ooko (Kenya); I. R. Qureshi (Pakistan); G. Roshan-Nahad (Iran); B. L. Roslan (Malaysia); D. L. Weir (Bahamas); S. S. H. Zaidi (Pakistan).

The Queen's Sword and Telescopes for the period January 1, 1977, to December 31, 1977, have been awarded as follows:

THE QUEEN'S SWORD. Sub-lieutenant M. U. Sloan, BSc (HMS Arrow).

THE QUEEN'S TELESCOPES. Midshipman J. T. R. Spence (Cambridge University); Sub-lieutenant G. J. Wiltshire, BA (RNEC Manadon); Acting Sub-lieutenant N. J. Ford, BA (HMS Salisbury); Acting sub-lieutenant R. W. Fraser LLB (HMS Devonshire); Sub-lieutenant A. N. McHarg (HMS Heron).

Church news

Diocese of Blackburn

Canon H. Williams, Rector of St Peter's, Burnley, to be Rural Dean of Burnley.

The Rev I. Hollin, Vicar of St Laurence's, Morecambe, to be Vicar of St Mary's, South Shore, Blackpool.

The Rev I. McMaster, Vicar of New Longton, to be chairman of the children's committee of the Diocesan Council for Religious Education.

Diocese of Bristol

The Rev A. Radford to be full-time producer of religious programmes for BBC Radio Bristol. He will be licensed to St Mary's, Cotham.

The Rev L. A. Ward, Chaplain, Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol, and Bishop's Chaplain for the Arts, to be Vicar of Ditton.

Diocese of Chelmsford

The following to be honorary canons of Chelmsford Cathedral: The Rev P. R. N. Appleford, Director of Education for the diocese of Chelmsford; the Rev R. P. Chalmers, priest-in-charge of Epping Upland and diocesan communications officer; the Rev B. D. Cornish, Rector of Danbury; the Rev P. S. Dawes, Vicar of the Good Shepherd, Collier Row, Romford; the Rev G. R. Holley, ecumenical officer for the diocese of Chelmsford; the Rev R. V. Seymour, Vicar of St Paul's, Goodmayes, diocese of Chelmsford; the Rev J. P. Vaughan-Jones, Rector of Shelley with Chipping Ongar and Rural Dean of Ongar; the Rev G. Bartlett, priest-in-charge of St Clement's, West Thurrock with Purfleet, to be priest-in-charge of Fobbing, remaining as an industrial chaplain.

Diocese of Durham

The Rev J. G. Bates, Vicar of St Andrew's, Roker, Sunderland, and the Rev T. D. Bell, Vicar of St Luke's, Hartlepool, to be honorary canons of Durham Cathedral.

Diocese of Peterborough

Canon W. G. Hardwick, Rector of Greytown, diocese of Natal, South Africa, and Canon Emeritus of Zululand Cathedral, to be Vicar of Brigstock with Stanion.

The Rev P. R. Iles, Rector of Filton, Bristol, to be Vicar of Oakham with Hambleton and Egleton, Rutland.

Church in Wales

The Rev D. Patterson, Vicar in the rectorial benefice of Hawarden, diocese of St Asaph, to be incumbent of the grouped parishes of Worthenbury and Tallarn Green and Penley, same diocese

Latest wills

Bequest to chaplaincy

Mrs Ethel Maud Watts, of Oxford left £88,156 net. Subject to a bequest of £500 and effects she left the residue for the establishment or endowment of a chapel with the Catholic chaplaincy to Birmingham University, or for other purposes connected with the Roman Catholic diocese of Birmingham.

Mrs Lilian Keziah Gross, of Barnet, London, left £16,139 net. She left all her property to the Joint Israel Appeal.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Ireland, Mr Maurice Norman, of Abinger Hammer, Surrey £162,038

Jessop, Mr Bernard Vivian, of Bedford, maintenance engineer, £119,292

Caddick-Adams, Mr Thomas Geoffrey, of Blakeney, £187,694

Smith, Mr Gilbert Cyril, of Thame, company director £173,347 net

Caulfield, Miss Eileen Frances Mary, of Eastbourne £199,900

Fennell, Mr George, of Westcliff-on-Sea, ... £228,843.

25 years ago

From the Times of Friday, April 10, 1953

Challenge to Russia

From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, April 9. — The United States Government tonight joined the Federal German Government in challenging Russia to prove the good faith of her recent peace moves by agreeing to free elections in the Soviet occupied zone of Germany and by releasing the hundreds of thousands of deported German civilians and war prisoners still in Russian hands. The declaration was made in the joint communiqué issued tonight after the German Chancellor's final meetings with President Eisenhower and other members of the Administration, and was regarded here as the first positive move made by the western powers to wrest the initiative from Russia since the Kremlin began their series of conciliatory gestures over a month ago. The communiqué said that if it was agreed that the Soviet rulers genuinely want peace and cooperation among all nations they could furnish no better proof of their good will than by permitting genuinely free elections in the Soviet occupied zone of Germany and by releasing the hundreds of thousands of deported German civilians and prisoners of war still in Soviet hands. "There can be no lasting solution of the German problem", the communiqué continued, "short of reunification of Germany by peaceful means and on a free and democratic basis".

OBITUARY

SIR MAURICE DEAN

Civil Service air warfare team

Sir Maurice Dean, KCB, KCMG, who had a distinguished Civil Service career initially in the Air Ministry and later in the Department of Education and Science and the Ministry of Technology, died on April 7. He was 71.

Maurice Dean was born on September 16, 1906, and educated at St Olave's School. He then followed his elder brother, later Professor W. R. Dean, to Trinity College, Cambridge, and like him, took Firsts in both parts of the Mathematical Tripos. He also won the Mayhew Prize. He had thought of a career in engineering, but this was the time of the depression and prospects were poor. He therefore took the Civil Service examination in 1929 and passed in at the head of the list. He opted for the Air Ministry, a department which, in the years before the war, was to attract an exceptionally gifted entry.

Dean's first job in the Air Ministry was connected with the development of airships, and he was lucky not to have travelled in the ill-fated R 101 on its journey to India. Shortly afterwards he became Private Secretary to Sir Edward Ellington, the Chief of the Air Staff, and his successor, Sir Cyril Newall, and this was the start of a close association with the Air Staff which lasted until the end of the War. It was also the start of many friendships with RAF officers at all levels, notably with the then Group Captain A. T. Harris, who in Dean's private Valhalla occupied a place second only to Portal.

During the many crises which preceded the outbreak of War, and during the War itself, Dean was well-qualified by his scientific background (much envied by some of his colleagues), his cool head and clarity of presentation, and, not least, his warm sympathies, to play a key part in air force development. He was undoubtedly very happy in the many contacts which the work gave him at a time when air force officers, scientists and civil servants were being blended into a war-winning team, which could more than hold its own with the other Services and with its partners from across the Atlantic.

It was during this period, too, that he married Anne Gibson, who was to give him so much understanding, support and happiness in the years which followed. They had one son and one daughter.

In 1946, by which time it was clear that he must broaden his experience if he was to rise to the highest ranks in the Civil Service, Dean followed Sir Arthur Street to the Control Commission and the German Section of the Foreign Office, where he was Deputy Under-Secretary of State under Ernest Bevin. In 1948 he moved to the Ministry of Defence, and in 1952, after a short spell at the Treasury, to the Board of Trade. In 1955 he was the obvious choice to succeed Sir James Barnes as Permanent Under-Secretary at the Air Ministry, a post which he was to hold for eight years. This period included Suez and the absorption of the Service Departments into a unified Ministry of Defence.

In 1964, following the Robbins Report and the decision of the government to extend the functions of the Ministry of Education to include higher education and science, Dean became Joint Permanent Secretary of the expanded department, with responsibility for universities and research.

Here he made an excellent start and a whole new range of friends, but once again he was an obvious choice for the post of Permanent Secretary of the new Department of Technology set up later that year under Frank Cousins. This post he held until retiring age in 1966, and he particularly enjoyed the renewed contacts with Lord Blackett, whom he had known and admired since the days of the Tizard Committee and the development of radar.

After retiring from the Civil Service, Dean became for five years a director of the British Printing Corporation under Sir Walter Warboys.

His interests were very wide. He had always enjoyed classical music. He was something of a carpenter with a love of good furniture. While at the Board of Trade he had been associated with Worboys and Russell in launching the Design Centre, and this remained a continuing interest. He also gave much time to the administration and finance of the Salvation Army.

But above all he retained a keen interest in the university world. He had been a member of both Appointments Boards at Cambridge: he became a visiting professor at Strathclyde, where he subsequently received the Honorary Degree of LLD; he was associated in 1972 with Mr Grimond's Review Committee at the University of Birmingham: and he was a member of the Council of Bedford College, London.

LADY EGERTON

J. E. writes:

Ruth Egerton, who died aged 94 on March 27, was one of the most remarkable women of her time. Born the second child and only daughter of the first Lord Parmoor, and one of a family which included such different but affectionate brothers as "Freddy" and Stafford Cripps, she was brought up in the Buckinghamshire countryside of her forebears. In 1912 she married Alfred Egerton, the distinguished scientist—of whom many years later she wrote a delightful memoir—and with him settled in Oxford, where he was a member of the Clarendon Laboratory, from soon after the First World War until 1935. For the later part of those years, in and after the Great Depression, she worked, among other causes, for Oxford House in Risca, the centre set up to provide help in the Welsh valleys. Perhaps a better known aspect of her public service followed some years later in the Second World War, when she and her husband were living in London; she was treasurer of the National Gallery Canteen, and was then closely connected with the famous lunchtime concerts associated with the name of Myra Hess. After the war she played her part as chairman of the Women's Advisory Council of the Ministry of Fuel and Power formed to improve domestic heating standards. But at about that time her interests spread to a new sphere. Accompanying her husband to India on a long visit in which, at Nehru's invitation, he advised on the future structure of scientific research, she became fascinated by what she saw and was largely instrumental in guiding the international Women's Council at a later date in its work to bring together women from East and West. First as chairman and then, until her death, as president of honour, she became known and loved in many lands.

This list of services and achievements, real as they were, can serve only to reflect the personal qualities from which they stemmed. The small, simple, but elegant figure, the light step, the delighted welcome, made an immediate impression that was never effaced, and were the passport of a character and spirit that never changed or failed.

Her warmth and vitality, devoted to her husband and son, were not confined to a limited circle. She was a person whom very many people will never forget.

Mr J. M. Ghorpade, chairman of the Indian Cricket Selection Committee and former Test all-rounder, died in Baroda on March 29. He first played for India against the West Indies in 1953 and later represented his country against Australia, New Zealand and England.

Lady Bevan, widow of Rear Admiral Sir Richard Bevan KBE, CB, DSO, MVO, died on March 22. She was Frances Anne Beckford Bevan, only surviving daughter of Algernon Beckford Bevan, and she was married in 1934. Her husband died in 1976.

MR JOHN M[...] PETERSON

Headmaster o[...] Shrewsbury

Mr John Magnus Pete[...] who was headmaster of Shr[...] bury School from 1950 to [...] died on April 6, at the a[...] 76.

Jack Peterson, born on [...] ruary 18, 1902, was a re[...] able young scholar-athlete[...] duced by Shrewsbury Sc[...] and was head of schoo[...] 1919-21. On both coun[...] promise was amply ful[...] when he went up to [...] College, Oxford, for he g[...] a double first—in Mods in [...] and Greats in 1925—p[...] football for Oxford Univ[...] in 1924 and again, as capta[...] 1925, and carried his prow[...] Eton fives with him into m[...] age, for he took the Ki[...] Cup not only in 1938 but [...] after the war, in 1950.

His first headmaste[...] Shrewsbury, Dr Cyril Ali[...] went on to Eton and in [...] appointed Peterson to his [...] there. Peterson taught at [...] from 1925 to 1950, includ[...] period as housemaster, a[...] 1950 he became headmas[...] his old school, th[...] emphasizing the Salopian [...] with Eton already forge[...] Alington and himself. B[...] time he was a widower, hi[...] Rosemary, younger daugh[...] A. M. McNeile, having d[...] 1944; they had two sons [...] daughter.

Peterson was a shy, [...] drawing man and one wh[...] all the more disadvantag[...] his widowerhood. He is r[...] bered not for leadership [...] spectacular or aggressive [...] acter, but mostly for the [...] of his shared goodness. H[...] great respect from schoo[...] parents by his quality. [...] Christian gentleman of hu[...] He encouraged the ar[...] particularly music befor[...] care was so frequent.

The respect he wo[...] shown during the quar[...] tenary of the school in [...] when the celebrations [...] crowned by a visit fro[...] Queen.

MR STEVE BRO[...]

Mr Kelvin Brodie, [...] Editor of *The Sunday* [...] who was known univers[...] "Steve", died yesterday [...] folk at the age of 45. [...] Whitechapel he first we[...] journalism in the Ass[...] Press dark room, bec[...] working photographer, a[...] a job with the *Sunday Di*[...] He joined *The Sunday T*[...] 1961 as a news photo[...] and became Picture Ed[...] 1976. He was regarded [...] of the most daring and [...] photographers in Fleet [...] He covered the Six Da[...] and the Yom Kippur W[...] tured some of the ha[...] scenes of the Indo-Pakist[...] in 1971, and twice went [...] nam on assignment.

Regarded in Fleet St[...] Sir Harold Wilson's f[...] photographer, his was a[...] shot of the former Prim[...] ster in Downing Stree[...] halo of tobacco smoke.

He was twice marri[...] leaves five children.

Bryan Wharton writes:

Steve Brodie was a [...] sackful of contradictio[...] was a tough talker in th[...] but gentle in his relat[...] outside it. He was bo[...] assertive and willing t[...] to advice. A brusque [...] hid a warm and g[...] character. Often critica[...] news-gathering techniq[...] was nevertheless an i[...] loyal staffer.

Brodie was a brilliant [...] grapher whose recent y[...] a largely desk-bound e[...] were often filled with a [...] to return to photo[...] assignments.

As a working compa[...] correspondents on assi[...] he was perfect, showi[...] common-sense in fa[...] adversity, as well as mi[...] zeal in the pursuit of t[...] difficult subjects. Many [...] writing colleagues ha[...] that they often regar[...] presence as a kind of [...] tion. He was big and [...] former water polo pla[...] a sprint swimmer who [...] Olympics standard—and [...] great lengths to extend [...] ing hand to less exp[...] colleagues.

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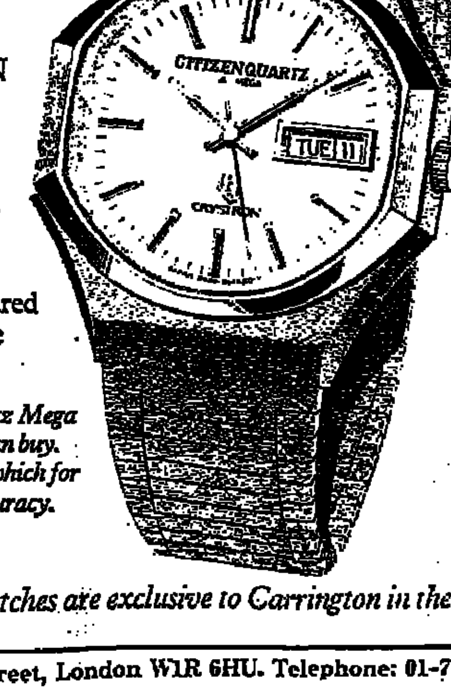

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Science report

Biochemistry: New molecule in cells

A novel molecule with an unusual structure has recently been identified as a natural powerful inhibitor of protein synthesis in animal cells. It was found by biochemists studying the way the animal cell protects itself against virus infection by shutting off the protein synthesizing machinery which the virus tries to take over to replicate itself.

Animal cells attacked by viruses produce interferon, a protein that prevents virus multiplication apparently by shutting off the protein synthesizing machinery. Considerable effort has been made over the years to find out how interferon works but the picture is still far from clear. It has been found, however, that in cells treated with interferon the addition of double-stranded RNA, the nucleic acid component of many animal viruses, triggers the stoppage of protein synthesis.

Dr Ian Kerr and Dr Ronald Brown, of the Medical Research Council's National Institute for Medical Research, in London, have now determined the structure of a simple molecule isolated from extracts of cells treated with interferon, and which seems to have a crucial role in the inhibition of protein synthesis in those cells.

The new molecule consists of three adenine nucleotides strung together. Adenine nucleotides are one of the building blocks of the nucleic acids, DNA and RNA, but in the new trinucleotide they are linked by a different type of chemical bond from that found in the nucleic acids

Each nucleotide unit consists of a sugar and a so-called base, in this case adenine. The difference between the new trinucleotide and a similar run of adenine nucleotides in DNA or RNA lies in the chemical bond between one unit and the next. Instead of joining carbon atom 3 of adenine to carbon atom 5 of the sugar of the next unit, it joins atoms 2 and 5 respectively. That apparently small difference confers on the new molecule the unusual property of being proof against the roving enzymes that scavenge free nucleic acids in the cell by cutting the 3-5 bond.

So far Dr Kerr and Dr Brown have little idea of how the curious trinucleotide works, or of the importance of its unusual stability. The most interesting question now is whether such molecules are found generally in cells, acting as universal controllers of protein synthesis.

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Health fear seen as like[...] to reduce use of the pill

By Annabel Ferriman

The contraceptive pill is likely to decline in use because of anxieties about its long-term effects, according to a study on family building and contraception published today.

Many women with university education appear to have given up the pill and that may be the beginning of a trend, the report says.

The report, published by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, compares the results of three surveys by the Institute for Social Studies in Medical Care in 1967-68, 1973 and 1975. In the third the proportion of women taking the pill was low for those with university education, 21 per cent compared with 43 per cent for other mothers.

Similarly, only 41 per cent of women aged under 25 in social class 1 were taking the pill, compared with 66 per cent [...] classes II and III.

The pattern of use a[...] have followed that in Fi[...] wives of professional m[...] the first to adopt the pi[...] first to give it up b[...] health fears, the report [...]

Differences in pill-t[...] tween mothers born in [...] Indies or Africa and th[...] in England and Wales had [...] insignificant by 1975, a[...] mothers born in India [...] or Bangladesh were rat[...] likely to be taking the [...] less likely to be usi[...] methods of birth control.

An increasing num[...] women are likely to use i[...] uterine device and ster[...] the report predicts. A de[...] the use of the pill is n[...] to be accompanied by a g[...] increase in unprotected intercourse.

WRAC commissions

Lieutenant-General Sir William Scotter, Vice-Chief of the General Staff, officiated at the commissioning ceremony on Thursday at the Women's Royal Army Corps College, Camberley.

The sash of honour was awarded to Officer Cadet Lismore Hughes, who also received the international affairs prize.

The following officer cadets were also appointed to commissions:

Gillian Griffiths, Bassaleg S, Newport, Gwent; Kerry Lee, Southway Comp S, Plymouth; Joanne Marshall, Kilgraston S, Perth; Tamsin Mitchell, St Paul's Girls S, Hammersmith; Brigid Quinlan, St Margaret's S, Bushey; Joan Sawyer, Pocklington S, York; Sharon Tait, Plympton GS, Plymouth.

Jamaican Defence Force:
Verity Brown, St Hilda's HS, Jamaica; Johanna Lewin, Hampton HS, Kingston, Jamaica.

University news

St Andrews

Mr P. C. Bayley, Master of Collingwood College, Durham University, has been appointed to the Berry Chair of English Literature in St Salvator's College from October 1.

Liverpool

The status and title of professor has been conferred on Dr R. G. C. Bathurst, MSc(Cantab), DSc (Lond), PhD(L'pool), reader in the department of geology.

Leeds

Mr K. T. Maunders, senior lecturer in finance and accounting at Lancaster University, has been appointed to the new chair of business finance and accounting from October 1.

Wales

ABERYSTWYTH

Promotions to senior lecturer:

Dr D. Gareth Edwards, education; D. G. M. Evans, agricultural botany; Mr Ian Fletcher, law; Dr M. A. Hall, botany and microbiology; Dr R. T. Pritchard, classics.

Aberdeen

Appointments

Senior Lecturers: J. M. Chesworth, BSc(Leeds), PhD(Leeds), agriculture; O. H. Mooney, MA(Edin), community medicine.

Research fellows: M. A. Kenward, BSc(Aston), PhD(Aston), bacteriology, extension to January 31, 1979; W. D. Holmes, BA(Oxon), forestry; D. C. Hay, BSc(Aberd), psychology.

Reading

Grants

£21,489 from the Agricultural Research Council for work on the uptake of nitrogen and phosphate by plants from flowing nutrient solutions.

£17,743 from the Natural Environment Research Council for research on the discrimination of terrain properties, particularly soil moisture, using ground and remotely-sensed thermal data.

£38,950 from the Science Research Council for fluorescence and two-photon excitation studies with a tunable dye laser.

£76,010 from the Ministry of Overseas Development for work on the process of mechanization in rural south Asia: policy analysis and planning methodology.

Birmingham

Dr Rolf Olsen, director of social work courses, has been appointed first professor of social work within the department of social administration.

Kent

Grants

Science Research Council: £45,368 for a project under the joint direction of Dr D. E. F. Harrison, reader in biology, and Drs K. R. Dimond, F. K. Hanna and O. R. Hinton, lecturers in electronics, involving an interdisciplinary study of the use of electronic microprocessors in the control of microbiologically based industrial [...] £16,610 towards the cost [...] vestigation under the directi[...] M. I. Sobhy, senior lecture[...] tronics, entitled "Comp[...] analysis and design of d[...] parameter networks and digi[...]

Surrey

A major appeal is being [...] industry for funds to [...] teaching and research an[...] tend the university's soci[...] ties during the next deca[...] chairman of the appeal c[...] is Lord Robens, former c[...] of the university.

Heriot-Watt

Appointments

Reader: Dr J. M. Ball, mathe[...] Senior lecturers: Dr M. M. [...] chemistry; Dr B. J. Cathe[...] and biological sciences; J. L. [...] mechanical engineering; R. [...] building; Dr P. N. Preston, [...] Dr C. T. Russell, electrica[...] tronic engineering; Dr A. [...] mathematics.

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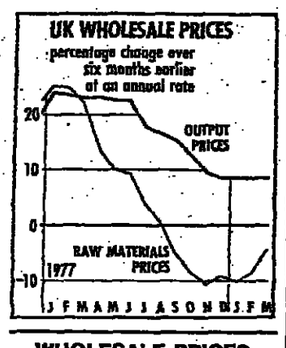


WHOLESALE PRICES

The following are the indices (1970=100) of wholesale prices of manufactured goods and the basic materials and fuels purchased by manufacturing industry released by the Department of Industry yesterday. The figures exclude purchase tax but include revenue duties:

	Output prices (home sales) (1)	Prices of materials and fuels (2)	% change at previous 6 months at annual rate in (1)	in (2)
1977				
March	250.8	347.2	22.8	22.3
April	255.4	349.7	23.3	13.9
May	259.8	348.3	22.5	10.1
June	262.4	345.2	22.4	6.3
July	265.8	344.5	17.8	4.1
Aug	268.1	338.8	16.7	−6.4
Sept	269.2	338.1	15.2	−5.2
Oct	271.0	333.8	12.6	−8.9
Nov	272.0	329.9	9.8	−10.3
Dec	273.3	328.0	8.5	−9.4
1978				
Jan	277.0	324.9	8.5	−7.8
Feb p	279.2	324.1	8.5	−8.5
March p	280.4	330.7	8.5	−4.3

p provisional

wholesalers rose by 3 per cent in the three months to March.

The fall in the pound last month had an immediate impact on raw material costs largely through its effect on the cost of imported coal and coal products. Dearer coal accounted for the whole of a 2¼ per cent rise during the month in the index which measures the cost of coal, gas and electricity.

Non-food manufacturers faced a 2.5 per cent increase in the cost of materials other than fuels. Higher prices for the coal used in making coke and for oil were responsible for more than half of this increase.

Last month's sterling decline will also affect raw material costs during April. Even if the pound now holds steady there is likely to be a further advance in wholesale input prices this month. However commodity prices on world markets are still very depressed in dollar terms.

The March figures for retail prices, due later this week, are expected to show a further fall in the year-on-year rate of inflation from the 9.5 per cent in February.

Formal BA application to buy £100m Boeings

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

British Airways' decision to buy new airliners made in the United States rather than in Britain was communicated formally to the Government yesterday.

Sir Frank McFadzean, chairman of the state airline, and Mr Ross Stainton, chief executive, had a meeting lasting nearly two hours with Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade.

British Airways' board made their decision to choose Boeing 737-200 airliners rather than BAC One-Elevens at a meeting on Friday.

The airline needs 20 aircraft, at a cost of around £100m, to replace Trident 1 and 2 airliners which will be unable to satisfy new noise rules by the middle of the next decade.

Although British Aerospace has made a proposal to British Airways for a new version of the One-Eleven using "hush-kitted" Rolls-Royce Spey engines, it is understood that the Boeing airliner came out top in the comparative assessments made by the airline in almost every department.

The airline also considered another American jet, the McDonnell Douglas DC-9.

At yesterday's meeting the implications of buying American on the workload in the British aircraft industry are likely to have been discussed.

If it were forced to buy British, the airline management would almost certainly ask the Government for financial compensation to meet what are claimed to be the higher operating costs of the One-Eleven.

MPs and trade unions in British aerospace manufacturing areas are expected to oppose strongly the purchase of an American aircraft, but it will be pointed out to them that a deal with Boeing now could bring long term benefits for the aircraft industry here.

What is likely to be worked out is a deal under which Boeing sells BA 737s to meet the medium term airliner needs of British Airways, and then agree to use Rolls-Royce RB211-535 engines to power its B757, an airliner of the next generation which it plans to develop.

Boeing is also likely to offer British Aerospace the opportunity to make part of the airframe of the 757 in this country—probably the wings.

British Aerospace is, however, anxious to promote the proposed "family" of European airliners it hopes to develop with France and West Germany, and in which the 160-seater Jet 1 would be a rival to the Boeing 757.

The feeling in the domestic aircraft industry is that for British Airways to buy American would be a backward step at a moment when the European industry has scored two resounding sales successes in the United States: Rolls-Royce-powered Lockheed TriStars for Pan American, and European airbuses for Eastern Airlines.

Community steps up the pressure on US and Japan to offer realistic trade concessions

From Melvyn Westlake
Geneva, April 10

Japan and the United States came under strong pressure from the European Economic Community here today to make bigger concessions at the world trade talks.

Community officials are believed to have made it clear at a series of high-level meetings between most of the key participants in the so-called Tokyo Round of trade negotiations that unless the Japanese and Americans were prepared to raise their offers, part of the EEC's proposed concessions would be withdrawn.

The Japanese, in particular, have been told that their proposed tariff cuts are totally unacceptable. Neither the United States nor the EEC is satisfied with the offer that the Japanese have put forward. In response to this united criticism, Japanese officials are now hinting that further concessions will be forthcoming.

Mr Nobuhiko Ushiba, the Japanese Minister for External Economic Affairs, is thought to have given assurances to this effect during trilateral discussions with Mr Robert Strauss, the United States special trade representative, and Herr Wilhelm Haferkamp, EEC vice-president for External Relations.

The three trade chiefs are here for one day of intense discussions aimed at trying to break the logjam that has developed over some of the major issues which must be resolved if the world trade talks are to be concluded by the mid-July deadline.

This deadline was reaffirmed by Mr Strauss today, who claimed that the talks were now running ahead of the "impossible deadline that we have set for ourselves".

He said that it was his intention to "send to Congress a complete and acceptable package by the beginning of next year. We are going to need all the time we can get after reaching political agreements this summer to prepare the results for submission to Congress", he said. "However, the sceptics will be proved wrong."

Such optimism was less apparent on the EEC side tonight. Community officials are expressing considerable dissatisfaction that America has exempted from negotiation a large number of items that are of great importance to several European countries.

These exempted items include shoes, special steels, textiles, ceramics, metal alloys and black and white and colour television sets.

According to EEC calculations the exclusion of these items greatly reduces the real value of the offer made by the United States, which claims that the tariff cuts it is proposing amount to an average of 50 per cent.

Community officials dispute this, arguing that the American offer really amounts to an average cut in tariffs of 30 per cent. The EEC's own offer is said to be equivalent to tariff cuts averaging 30 per cent.

By contrast, the Japanese offer is said to be equivalent to tariff cuts of only 18 per cent. Mr Ushiba refused today to discuss the details of the negotiations, but said that more concessions would be forthcoming from his country.

He also told journalists that Japan would probably be intervening in the exchange markets less in future to hold down the value of the yen. But he added that the currency instability had made the 100-nation trade negotiations in Geneva more difficult.

He also said that the Japanese growth rate in the present financial year, which began on April 1, would be 7 per cent, compared with 5.3 per cent in the year just ended. He refused to say that the 7 per cent growth target was guaranteed, but insisted that his government would do everything possible to reach it.

The Japanese current account surplus for the current financial year would be cut to $6,000m (about £3,209m) from $13,000m. However, the surplus for last year of $13,000m is much larger than expected even earlier this winter, and the effort now required to meet the new current account target will be considerable.

It was not immediately apparent tonight how much headway the trilateral talks had actually made, but the discussions did cover all of the most contentious outstanding issues. These include industrial and farm subsidies, the liberalization of agricultural trade, tariffs, "safeguards", draft codes on non-tariff trade restrictions, and relations between developed and developing countries.

After meeting by themselves, the Japanese, Americans and Europeans then widened today's talks to include the other developed countries and the developing nations.

Japan aiming to boost investment in Europe

Mr Alan Williams: hoping for joint ventures

By Edward Townsend

A forecast that a "very substantial" investment by Japanese industry in the European Economic Community would occur in the next few years has been made by Mr Alan Williams, Minister for Industry.

One big car manufacturer was beginning to look overseas for investment opportunities, and other companies were planning investment decisions in Europe.

He stressed the Government's wish for Japanese industry to launch joint ventures with British companies as a means of avoiding the problem which led to Hitachi, the television manufacturer, abandoning plans for a factory in Washington, Tyne and Wear after objections from British companies and trade unions.

Mr Williams, just back from a visit to Japan said he detected a "clear despondency and grave doubt about the future" among Japanese industrial leaders. This was forcing them to reconsider many viewpoints.

Japanese companies were realizing that they must move closer to their markets. They were now feeling intense competition from other parts of South-east Asia and the establishment of factories in Europe and Africa made economic sense.

"They are moving into international production rather than international selling", he said.

Export restraints: Japan's Ministry for Trade and Industry is working on the outline of administrative guidelines to curb Japanese exports in fiscal 1978, Mr Toshinobu Wada, Vice-Trade-Industry Minister, said.

He told a press conference that the ministry aimed to hold down Japan's exports in volume in the 1978 fiscal year to no more than the 1977 level. He refused to elaborate on details.
—Reuter.

Autumn hearing for Crown Agents case

By Malcolm Brown

The Crown Agents Tribunal will start its detailed hearings in the autumn. At the first of two preliminary hearings yesterday Mr Justice Croom-Johnson, chairman of the tribunal, said the main hearings would start on September 11.

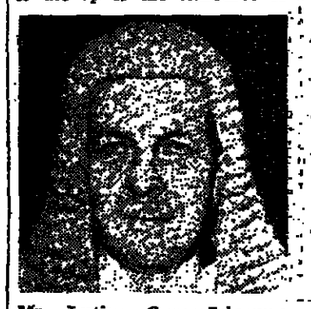
The Government decided to set up a tribunal to look into the Crown Agents' £200m losses after the House of Commons, in December, rejected government proposals to hold an inquiry in private.

In a statement at the first preliminary meeting Mr Justice Croom-Johnson said that the proceedings were not a trial. "This is an inquiry. There is no prosecution and no defence. The tribunal, advised and assisted by the Treasury Solicitor and counsel for the tribunal, will determine the issues to be investigated."

The judge confirmed that there will be immunity from criminal proceedings for witnesses.

"Since this inquiry is for the public benefit, in order to ensure that all material evidence is available to the tribunal, I am authorized to say that neither the evidence of a witness before the tribunal nor his statement to the Treasury Solicitor, nor any documents he is required to produce to the tribunal shall be used against him in any criminal proceedings except in criminal proceedings in which he is charged with having given false evidence before the tribunal, or conspired with or procured others to do so."

Apart from criminal offences, the judge said, the lapses with which the tribunal would be concerned would not be honest mistakes, but such lapses as were blameworthy in the sense of deserving censure; a failure to act up to the standards of


Mr Justice Croom-Johnson: hearing is not a trial.

conduct required or to be expected of someone in a particular position at the time.

The tribunal's terms of reference are to inquire "to what extent there were lapses from accepted standards of commercial or professional conduct, or public administration in relation to the operations of the Crown Agents as financiers on own account in the years 1967-74 described in the report of the Committee of Inquiry on the Crown Agents".

Mr Justice Croom-Johnson said the matters to be investigated included: the beginning of the own-account operations of the Crown Agents; the provision of information about own-account operations to the Ministry of Overseas Development and other public bodies throughout the period; the question whether the own-account operations should have been controlled or limited or stopped; the merging of the Finance Department Investment Account and the joint funds of the Crown Agents' accounts, including the transfer from the Office Fund to the Joint Consolidated Fund in 1970; and the use of principal's money, directly or indirectly, for own-account operations.

The judge listed these and a further 29 questions ranging over such issues as the roles of the Ministry of Overseas Development, the Treasury and the Bank of England in the affair.

For example, the tribunal will ask the extent to which steps were taken by the Bank of England to inform itself and others about the Crown Agents' own-account operations, and what action was taken on the information available.

EEC tightens import licences for shoes

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, April 10

Alarmed by the swelling tide of shoe imports into the Community, the European Commission is to introduce a new import licence and surveillance system from May 1 with the aim of getting better and quicker information about market developments.

The system will apply against imports from 11 low-cost suppliers—Brazil, Hongkong, South Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Spain, Taiwan, China, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Romania. These countries are taking an increasing share of the Community market without buying any shoes in return.

Most concern is caused by Hongkong, South Korea, Taiwan and Spain. Between 1975 and 1977, South Korea's exports to the Community rose from 12 million to 30 million pairs; Taiwan's from 25 million to 62 million; Hongkong's from 26 million to 48 million.

The share of EEC demand for footwear met by imports rose from 19 per cent in 1972, to 23 per cent in 1976 and an estimated 30 per cent last year.

A further cause of concern is recent measures taken by America, Canada and Australia to curb shoe imports. It is estimated that these restrictions have created a world surplus of 60 million pairs of shoes which, finding traditional outlets blocked, could flood the still open Community market.

The new curbs also make it more difficult for EEC producers to export.

1975 to be base year for measuring output

By David Blake
Economics Correspondent

Estimates of economic growth are likely to be increased significantly by a change in the way national accounts are calculated, according to an article in *Economic Trends* today.

The article sets the background to an important revision in national accounts which will switch the system used to eliminate the effect of inflation from the prices ruling in 1970 to those prevailing in 1975. Rebasing of national accounts in this way is done every five years or so.

Because of a natural tendency for consumers to switch their demand to items which have least increased in price, rebasing usually reduces estimates of the growth of national output.

This is because the "real" level of output is derived by dividing the amount of money spent by the change in prices since the base year.

But the new rebasing, the first fruits of which will be apparent in the autumn, will have a different effect. This is because the biggest price increase between 1970 and 1975 was for oil, which is now the fastest-growing component in the national economy.

The author estimates that the change in the base year will mean an extra contribution from oil of ½ per cent in the estimate of growth for 1976 and 1 per cent extra in 1977.

The upward revision which this implies will be purely statistical, but it will provide a useful bonus for the Government if the General Election occurs in October.

...etailers report 'buoyant' business but little sign of buying spree

...k and tobacco traders standing by for sales rush ...lay's Budget measures include increased duties

... are looking for a ...le to follow today's ...sures. Drink and ...lers were standing ...pectation of an ...sales rush if duty ...e announced. ...tilers are expecting ...dual rise in trade, ...ll sectors as the ...licted cuts in in- ...trickle into wage ...

... been no sign of ...iget sales rush in ... of a rise in the 8 ... VAT rate. And ...ds shops reported ...at there had been ...ales caused by con- ...ding back in the ... the 12½ per cent ...ould be reduced. ...st trading results ...or the John Lewis ...s department ...w that turnover ... post-Easter week, ...tail trade generally ...ed to be poor, in ...or the John Lewis ...s department ...w that turnover ... post-Easter week, ...tail trade generally ...ed to be poor, in fact turned out to be 10 per cent better than estimated.

For the nine weeks ending April 1, the Partnerships department stores turnover was 19.9 per cent up on the same period last year. Estimated sales for the full half year are for an increase of 15 per cent above 1977-78.

Mr Mark Souhami, chairman of the Dixons United Kingdom retailing division, which stocks goods at both VAT rates, said that trade which had been very depressed in February, had picked up in March but there was no evidence of abnormal fluctuations in sales caused by the approaching Budget.

Currys also said that trade at present was "reasonably buoyant". The company thought few of its customers were "holding off" major purchases until their financial position was clearer after the Budget.

There were wide variations in sales of various types of appliances, according to Currys with, for example, vacuum cleaners and washing machines selling well, but little demand for freezers. But this was thought to be due to other outside influences such as promotion and discounting levels.

In wines and spirits volume trade, although better than immediately after Christmas, is still below the levels enjoyed in 1973. The Wine and Spirit Association estimates that an increase of 8 per cent in the volume of wine sales and 10 per cent in spirits is needed in 1978 to bring trade back to the level of five years ago.

There has been some pre-Budget stocking up by retailers in anticipation of a duty increase. Mr E. B. Colwell, managing director of Victoria Wine, with around 1,000 outlets the country's largest specialist off-licence chain, said last night that there was "some buoyancy" in retail trade which might reflect extra pre-Budget consumer buying, but that trade generally was patchy with considerable variations depending on geographical area.

International Distillers & Vintners' Peter Dominic and Westminster Wine chain, with collectively around 600 outlets, said that while sales were "very buoyant" there was no seeming rush so far.

Shortages caused by the changeover to larger, king size of cigarettes, together with curbs on cash flow caused by a reduction in the credit periods allowed by manufacturers, have prevented most tobacconists from heavy pre-Budget stockpiling.

But Mr Harry Tipple, vice-president of the Federation of Retail Tobacconists, said that he had experienced no rush to buy, last night, but was standing by for an increase in sales today if increases in duty were announced.

Patricia Tisdall

...ish Steel losses now forecast at £440m

... ll ...orrespondent ...Steel Corporation's ... the past financial ...ted to an estimated ... ...st figure, given to ... yesterday by Mr ...rman, Minister of ...dustry, is £80m less ...timate given to MPs ... months ago by Mr ..., Secretary of State ... ...isters were at the ...he row earlier this ... wake of the reports ...lect Committee on ... Industrie on the ... the BSC. ...mittee alleged that ...r failings the mini- ...ailed to disclose the ... of the corporation's ...roblems against the background of the depressed world steel market.

During questions yesterday Mr Kaufman told the Commons: "Present indications are that the outturn for the year (1977-78) will be around £440m. I would refer to await the audited results before giving the House a firm figure."

On January 16 at the height of the controversy surrounding the Select Committee report, Mr Varley said the estimated loss for the year would be £520m. But that figure, Mr Kaufman stressed yesterday, had included a contingency provision of £50m which had not in the event been required.

The eventual loss figure might turn out to be even lower, according to industry sources, which noted that the latest estimate reflected the effectiveness of the corporation's internal belt-tightening exercise coupled with the fact that the industry had not suffered from any disruptive strikes in the second half of the year.

Furthermore, the corporation had been able to accelerate its demanning exercise through the closure earlier than planned of some of the old high-cost steelworks.

Another factor expected to be cited for the better-than-expected result is the difficulty of forecasting precise figures in view of the continued depressed state of the market.

The Government is also preparing to introduce new legislation to lift the corporation's borrowing ceiling, which is limited at present to £4,000m.

In the White Paper published earlier this month on the corporation's future, the Government said a new Bill would be introduced shortly. It is widely expected that the legislation will be introduced within the next three weeks and the Government will seek authority to lift the ceiling to £5,000m.

This move will precede a reconstruction of the BSC's finances, though this is not expected to take place until the second half of the year.

British Steel said last night that the substantial revision of the corporation's projected losses emphasized the point which the chairman, Sir Charles Villiers, made to the Select Committee in explaining the difficulty of reliable forecasts when world markets were very unstable.

"The Select Committee at the time found this difficult to understand", a corporation spokesman said.

Central bankers cautious on new monetary strategy

Basle, April 10.—Central bankers meeting at the Bank for International Settlements gave a warning against reading too much immediate significance into ideas of closer European monetary cooperation suggested at this weekend summit meeting of the European Economic Community.

They said the ideas were still vague, and it would take several months at least before any formal proposals could be worked out.

Nevertheless, the idea of closer cooperation is attractive to several European central banks, including some outside the Community, which have been increasingly losing confidence in the dollar as a monetary yardstick.

The bankers said it ought to be feasible to establish closer orientation of European currencies on the joint "float".

This would not necessarily require formal expansion of the float itself, and the orientation could be on a loose parallel basis similar to that already practised by Austria.

EEC central bank governors would not attend the Copenhagen summit, and senior European governors said strengthened cooperation was not discussed at the main governors' meeting today.

Outside, however, there has been some informal discussion on the methods employed by central banks to cover balance-sheet losses on their dollar holdings last year.

This problem underlined once again the dissatisfaction among European central bankers over the fall of the dollar.

Meanwhile, the question of European monetary cooperation will probably be discussed further at a separate meeting of EEC central bankers here tomorrow morning.

Opec officials in Vienna talks on cooperation

Vienna, April 10.—Executives representing the nationalized oil companies of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) have begun a joint meeting here on how to increase cooperation.

The executives, in their first ever joint meeting being held at Opec headquarters, are looking at ways to pool knowledge, technical resources and increase cooperation between oil producers in the light of shrinking revenue due to the weakening dollar.

Mr Ali M. Jaidah, general secretary of Opec, said at the beginning of the meeting that he hoped oil companies could find a formula to broaden cooperation.

Participants at the meeting said the oil executives would also exchange figures on the cost to their industries of the dollar's latest decline.—Reuter.

Barclays post for Lord Camoys

Lord Camoys is to become managing director of Barclays Merchant Bank. The appointment ends Barclays' search for someone to fill the role of Mr Charles Ball, who resigned as chairman of the merchant bank last summer over differences of opinion about medium-term lending.

Mr Deryk Vander Weyer, a Barclays vice-chairman, remains as chairman of the merchant bank. Lord Camoys, 38, who joins Barclays in June, is chairman of Amex Bank.

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Share tax submission

In its submission to the Inland Revenue on the consultative document, "Profit-sharing: Tax Relief", the Wider Share Ownership Council urges that the kind of reducing tax scale which is being discussed for inclusion in this year's Budget should reduce to zero after several years.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 197.83—1.13
The FT index: 463.3—3.8

Rises

Fisher J	8p to 141p	Sale Tilney	13p to 220p
Hawthorn L	5p to 70p	Scot Univ Inv	5p to 118p
Letraset	6p to 151p	Simpson S	8p to 90p
ML Hldgs	6p to 102p	Spear & Jackson	6p to 132p
Petaling Tin	5p to 175p	W Rand Cons	8p to 117p

Falls

Beecham	10p to 640p	Ofrex	9p to 108p
Elsvoors	16p to 312p	Peko Wallsend	10p to 447p
Comben Grp	2p to 30p	Rio Tinto Zinc	3p to 192p
Eng Prop	1½p to 30½p	Royal	5p to 360p
Glaxo	15p to 515p	Sun. Alliance	5p to 545p
Harmony	7p to 345p	Spillers	2p to 26p
Imp Chem Ind	8p to 351p	Thomson Org	5p to 220p
Linfood	5p to 130p	Unilever	4p to 512p
Morgan Cruc	5p to 113p	Young H	2p to 42p

Equities fell back.
Gilt-edged securities were quiet.
Dollar premium 102.75 per cent (effective rate 45.82 per cent).
Sterling gained 20 points to $1.8765. The effective exchange rate index was at 62.2.
Gold lost $0.50 an ounce to $178.875.
SDR-$ was 1.24044 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.661608.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1436.2 (previous 1431.0).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.59	1.63
Austria Sch	28.50	26.50
Belgium Fr	61.75	58.25
Canada $	2.20	2.13
Denmark Kr	10.84	10.34
Finland Mkk	8.07	7.72
France Fr	8.84	8.44
Germany Dm	3.96	3.74
Greece Dr	69.75	65.75
Hongkong $	9.00	8.55
Italy Lr	1660.00	1575.00
Japan Yn	435.00	410.00
Netherlands Gld	4.23	4.00
Norway Kr	10.37	9.92
Portugal Esc	78.50	73.50
S Africa Rd	2.03	1.89
Spain Pes	153.50	146.50
Sweden Kr	8.90	8.50
Switzerland Fr	3.69	3.47
US $	1.93	1.87
Yugoslavia Dnr	36.75	34.75

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Bank puts case for investment incentives

By Our Financial Staff

Britain's answer to the problem of low profitability, and consequently the low level of investment demand from industry, lies outside the financial system, according to Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England.

Giving oral evidence on behalf of the Bank to the Wilson Committee, which is investigating the functioning of financial institutions, Mr Richardson said:

"You cannot in our judgment force-feed funds to companies or industries to induce them to invest in projects where they see neither prospect of an adequate return nor a sustained market for the product to be manufactured.

"As far as we can see the answer must lie in getting the whole macro-economic climate right. In that we see the main element as the continued fight against inflation."

He added: "Management and unions must concentrate their attention jointly on increasing productivity, and the Government should make approbation and reward a consequence of increased efficiency."

Referring later to the weakness of demand in a period of inflation and the associated problems as the main dangers to profitability, Mr Richardson added that price controls could also have been a factor.

He said the Bank felt price controls could have played a part in "accelerating the decline in the return on capital or, alternatively in pushing it further".

He added that his personal view was that their major effect had been "the uncertainty they have introduced to businessmen about what profits they will be allowed to earn on investments which naturally have a life longer than the then current phase of price control, and nobody has known what will succeed it."

Evidence on the Financing of Industry and Trade, Volume 5, is published today.

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Car body chief leaving Leyland

By Clifford Webb

Another top executive is to leave British Leyland. Mr David Simpson, the 43-year-old managing director designate of Pressed Steel Fisher, the car body company created during the reorganization by Mr Michael Edwardes, the group chairman, has resigned.

Mr Simpson is the 11th executive to leave since Mr Edwardes was appointed five months ago but he is the first to do so after accepting a post in the reorganized BL Cars subsidiary.

He was named to head the new body company less than two months ago. Before that he had held the top manufacturing job in the old Leyland Cars set-up, replacing Mr Dick Perry as manufacturing director last September.

A statement issued by BL Cars last night said Mr Simpson wished to emphasize that he did not disagree with the company's new objectives, and left with mutual goodwill on both sides. He was considering a number of offers and had not yet made a firm decision.

It is understood that one of the offers comes from a merchant bank.

Guest Keen & Nettlefolds has already snapped up three of the leavers—Mr Derek Whittaker, managing director of Leyland Cars; Mr Jerry Clancy, director in charge of the profitable parts and service division, and Mr Des North, director of the Cowley assembly plant.

Sources close to both companies reported last night that at least one more Leyland executive would shortly join GKN.

A senior GKN executive said yesterday: "We are not just finding jobs for these people. We are delighted to be capturing such wonderful material. It is a chance in a lifetime and we should be foolish to pass it up.

"These men have priceless motor industry experience and anyone who thinks that we are taking them on simply because they come from our biggest single customer is making a serious mistake."

Mr David Simpson: resigning with mutual goodwill

More laid off in Rolls pay dispute

More workers yesterday became involved in a pay dispute at the Rolls-Royce aero engine plant in Coventry, bringing the total number now laid off or involved in either a work-in or a sit-in to more than 8,000.

Some 1,700 workers in the company's industrial and marine division at Ansty, near Coventry, refused to cross picket lines yesterday and were sent home.

A company spokesman said that officially the factory was closed, but manual workers there were continuing a work-in. At the company's Coventry factory a sit-in has been in progress for more than a week over a 10 per cent pay demand.

Talks broke down last week and yesterday there was no sign of a move by either side.

The company has offered 9.7 per cent and wants to use the rest to finance a change from piece work to measured day work.

Boilermakers stay out: Some 1,300 boilermakers on unofficial strike since Thursday at Cammell Laird's shipyard at Birkenhead yesterday rejected a recommendation from their union executive to go back to work.

The strike started because of what the boilermakers claimed is a delay by the company in implementing an incentive payment scheme.

PO sets up new data transmission service

By Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

A new type of data service between the United Kingdom and the United States is to be launched by the Post Office on July 1.

Using an advanced technique of data transmission known as packet switching, the service will enable computer data to be sent in both directions (the present service, operated in conjunction with Western Union International, works only from Britain to the United States).

The new service is claimed to be "the world's first international public packet-switched data service outside North America".

Mr Peter Benton, managing director of Post Office telecommunications, said: "Once again the Post Office is making telecommunications history. Last year we were first with a transatlantic database-access service giving United Kingdom organizations access to a wide variety of information stored on computers in the United States.

"Now we are breaking new ground in offering a similar service using the advanced form of data transmission known as packet switching."

Using packet switching, in which the data messages are subdivided into fixed-length "packets" for transmission, the network can be utilized efficiently and a variety of types of equipment can be connected.

Phillips encouraged by fresh drilling in Maureen field

Phillips Petroleum yesterday announced encouraging results from an appraisal drilling near earlier discovery wells in the Maureen oil field in the North Sea.

Well 16/29A-5 flowed at a daily rate of 5,256 barrels of 35.2 degree API gravity oil and 1.69 million cubic feet of gas through a one-inch choke.

It was drilled about 1.2 miles north of the 16/29-1 discovery well and 1.5 miles east of the 16/29.2 appraisal well. Oil flows of 3,600 and 10,950 barrels per day respectively were tested in these wells.

The Maureen field, about 150 miles north-east of Aberdeen, has estimated recoverable reserves of 150 million barrels. Norway's offshore offers: Production licence applications are invited by June 1 for 15 new blocks scheduled for oil exploration on Norway's continental shelf in the North Sea, the government announced.

Rescue puts Hivent back in business

A National Enterprise Board company which went into liquidation last month is back in business, under the full control of private enterprise.

The NEB, which has a £54,000 stake in Hivent, of Washington, Tyne and Wear, announced last month that the company was insolvent because it was making heavy losses and could not continue without a substantial injection of capital.

In the statement the NEB said they could see no prospect of a commercial return on any fresh funds, as they were in danger of also being lost.

But yesterday Russell Foster Holdings, of Sunderland, announced that they had bought the equity of the company from the liquidator.

Mr Russell Foster, the managing director, said: "Hivents has an order book in excess of a quarter of a million pounds, and we are confident of success.

"We have bought the assets, goodwill, patents, stock and work in progress and production has already started."

The amount paid for Hivents, which makes anti-pollution equipment, has not been revealed.

Dubai dry dock contract grows

An announcement is expected soon that the total contract value of the Dubai dry dock, being built by a Costain-Taylor Woodrow venture, has risen to about £220m.

Sheikh Rashid Bin Saced Al-Maktoum, ruler of Dubai, is understood to be close to completing arrangements for additional finance for the project, which is likely to be completed within the next 12 months. It is expected that sources of cash will be found in Dubai.

The original agreement, signed in 1973, was valued at £91m. Finance was arranged in London.

£25m development by UKF Fertilizers

Dutch-owned UKF Fertilizers is to go ahead with a £25m development at its plant at Ince, Chester, it was announced yesterday. It includes construction of a nitric acid plant and an ammonium nitrate solutions plant.

Expansion plans have been frozen for more than two years because of uncertainty over feedstock prices, although last December an agreement was reached with British Gas for the supply of 100 million therms a year for the manufacture of ammonia. About 100 jobs will be created.

£1,849m Labour aid to industry

By the end of April government aid of £1,849m would have been channelled to private industry since Labour came into office in 1974, Mr Bob Cryer, Under-secretary of State for Industry, said in the Commons yesterday. The figure included about £397m for the last financial year.

Mr Alan Williams, Minister of State for Industry, confirmed that assistance under Section 7 of the Industry Act 1972 had helped William Reed and Sons of Manchester to develop the carpet manufacturing business of Barwick Carpets of Bolton. Reed bought Barwick after talks with the department.

Unions oppose EEC oil refinery cuts

British trade union leaders will visit Brussels on April 19 in an attempt to gain the support of other European union leaders in opposing proposals by the European Commission for rationalizing oil refinery capacity in the Community.

The British delegation will include Mr David Warburton, national industrial officer of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, who was yesterday elected secretary of the new Chemical Unions Council.

His colleagues will be Mr John Miller (Transport and General Workers' Union) and Mr Roger Lyons (Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs).

Later the European Coordinating Committee of Chemical and General Workers' Unions will discuss the issue with European Commission representatives.

The British unions are concerned about proposals aimed at reducing the over-capacity in the EEC's oil refinery industry. They fear this would run contrary to British policy, which envisages refining up to two-thirds of North Sea oil production in Britain.

Mr Warburton yesterday called for a "strong government response" to the proposals. "It is crucial to the further development of the industrial strategy that we resist the call to curb oil refinery capacity in Europe", he said.

He wants any meeting with the Commission to include representatives of the British Government, oil companies operating in Britain and the unions' council.

So far Dr Guido Brunner, the EEC Commissioner for Energy, had treated the European unions "in a cursory manner", said Mr Warburton.

"It would be a sad day if a European Commissioner succumbs to the vested interests of companies in France or Italy in opposition to the interests of economic expansion in other parts of the Community."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

High tax curbs investment in independent enterprises

From Mr Colin Dauris

Sir, The chairman of the Life Offices' Association (April 6) is sadly misinformed if he believes that our tax structure, which is biased in favour of investment through institutions, does not deplete the funds available for small-scale enterprise.

What the independent business sector lacks is risk capital. That class of investment is harmed in several ways by our system of charging penally high rates of income tax and investment income surcharge and then allowing relief for institutional investment.

(i) A high proportion of the nation's savings are channelled through organizations which are not in a position to put up risk capital for entrepreneurs without a business record. Further, it is not economic for them to put up the small amounts usually required. As the Wilson committee has written: "... the institutions cannot replace the traditional sources of venture and development capital".

(ii) People whose savings are in a pension fund cannot withdraw them in the middle of their working life to start a business of their own.

(iii) There is a continuing reduction of savings under personal control so that inevitably there is less capital available for speculative investment in new or expanding small businesses run by others. A possible 98 per cent tax is of course a deterrent to those most likely to make such investments.

(iv) Directors of independent companies would often find it better for their business to provide for their pensions internally if it were not for the tax advantages of using an outside fund.

Saving in this country is difficult as well as poorly rewarded if it is not invested in a fund which attracts fiscal privileges. To encourage risk taking and saving genera top rate of income tax be reduced to 50 per cen attraction of pensions fun life assurances would duced, whether the tax was abolished or not, s the institutions which l these valuable services sell them on their merit out the artificial incen tax avoidance.

If all forms of saving v the same fiscal footing ever, several benefits wo sult. Among the most tant would be an increas risk capital which is e for the revival of the i dent business sector.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN DAURIS,
Chairman,
Legislation Committee,
The Association of Inde Businesses,
Europe House,
World Trade Centre, E1
April 7.

Make all profit sharing schemes self-policing

From Mr James Preston

Sir, James Morrell's critical letter of April 3 on the Inland Revenue's proposals on profit sharing to be introduced in this week's Budget deserves universal support in its efforts to promote industrial efficiency and productivity on a wider scale.

The Revenue's pale ideas in their consultative document do nothing to promote the nation's prosperity or industrial relations generally at a number of levels other than those quoted by Mr Morrell: restricting incentives by creating too low a cash ceiling; disallowing loss-making companies from participating, thereby missing a valuable incentive for all levels of management and labour to turn loss-makers into profitable companies; restricting shares to quoted companies which will prevent many employees from owning shares in the company for which they actually work; showing a remarkable lack of imagination in not considering redeemable share options which would avoid problems associated with shares in unquoted subsidiaries, marketability of shares, valuations, voting control, and the like; the exclusion of partnerships from the scheme cannot be justified.

The Government's thinking on profit sharing appears to be conditioned by a fear of creating extra work for an already overworked Revenue. The answer to this imagined problem is simple—to make all profit sharing schemes self-policing so that in the event of abuse individuals and companies become, *ex post facto*, liable to income tax. This Damoclean sword should be the ultimate deterrent to abuse.

Having roundly criticized the proposals may I finally add that I welcome the Government's initiative as a first but tentative step in the right direction.

Yours faithfully,
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Advantages of added value based rewards

From Mr R. B. Davis

Sir, I agree with Mr Morrell (April 3) in principle, that any approach to profit sharing should be linked to performance improvement rather than literally to sharing profits. However I must take issue with him on one or two points:

1 Added value is not a measure of productivity in the generally accepted sense; it is a measure of effectiveness. Added value can increase during a period when productivity is static or declines (and indeed frequently does).

2 One of the major advantages of using added value based reward schemes is that, unlike traditional profit sharing, reward can be distributed more frequently than once or twice a year. Often, indeed, bonus is payable monthly. Few people will claim that annual profit sharing schemes genuinely motivate employees throughout the year. The reward is too far removed from the effort.

3 Increases in added value in real terms are only one side of the coin. Such a measure of company effectiveness must be based on the relationship of employment cost and added value. There is little point increasing added value per head by 10 per cent if, to achieve that, employment costs increase by 20 per cent.

I believe, though, that Mr Morrell is right in general terms. Sharing our seed corn will do little to encourage genuine improvements in performance, or to increase reinvestment in industry. Added value is, at the moment, the only measure which has the three virtues of being simple for all to understand, reflecting true movements in company effectiveness and being the basis of year-round motivation to achieve results.

Yours faithfully,
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A very re threat to employme

From Mr F. N. Manning

Sir, I write to you wit cern of mine which ha in recent months.

As a lecturer in sy I have become concer the advent of micropr could lead, in the not tant future, to unemp on an unprecedented s use of these miniaturiz puting devices is alre meating industry to a ciable extent. The rec Television *Horizon* pr brought the attention lious to this very real employment in many areas of society.

The warning is clear and the problem is not recede by our ignoring is the time to prepare future action which s to be taken. What th should be is not at Jobs cannot, necessa safe-guarded; the inc sors cannot be banne effort to maintain a intensive society; atte stifle progress will n ceed and in any eve countries will use, a by, the devices if we d

The question arises: is being done to pr future in which em may be denied to s How can our society b tured to deal with t tion? Is there a go policy to deal problem?

As I see it the prob be faced realistically.

The future will se of people with time hands, work cannot found for them, so ho to educate people meaningful lives with We face a revolution plications as great, greater than anything society has previo nessed.

We need to rethink ally accepted premise a satisfactory life women must have w work is not going to but how to overcom lemma

Yours faithfully,
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A highly successful year: firm base for future growth

The year at a glance	1977 (52 weeks) £'000	1976 (53 weeks) £'000
SALES		
Home	13 478	10 947
Export	4 311	3 605
	17 789	14 552
PROFIT		
Trading profit before depreciation and bank interest	3 161	2 604
Depreciation	775	648
Net bank interest	29	180
Profit before tax	2 357	1 776
Taxation	753	847
Profit after tax	1 604	929
Additional final dividend 1976	2	—
Interim dividend already paid	85	69
Proposed final dividend	134	127
Profit retained in the business	1 383	733
Earnings per share	37.8p	21.8p
Dividends per share		
Additional Final — 1976	0.046p	—
Interim	2.000p	1.625p
Proposed Final	3.156p	2.991p

Note:
The figures for 1976 have been revised to reflect the change in the deferred taxation accounting policy referred to in the Directors' Report. The calculation of earnings per share is based on earnings of £1 604 000 (£929 000) and 4 248 320 (4 248 320) Ordinary shares in issue throughout the year.

The year's Trading

During 1977 we have continued to make glass bottles and jars principally for the pharmaceutical, food and cosmetic industries as well as merchanting caps, fittings and plastic containers.

In our Interim Report we said that we regarded our financial results for the first half of 1977 as being satisfactory and that we would expect the results for the second half to be not less than those for the corresponding period last year. We are pleased to report that we have achieved this expectation as the profit before taxation is £2,357,000, for the 52 week period compared with £1,776,000 for the 53 week period.

Accordingly we recommend once again the maximum permissible distribution for the year, which, taking account of the increased interim payment already made, means a final dividend of 3.156p (2.991p) per share which we intend to declare payable on 12th May.

Shareholders' Funds Increased

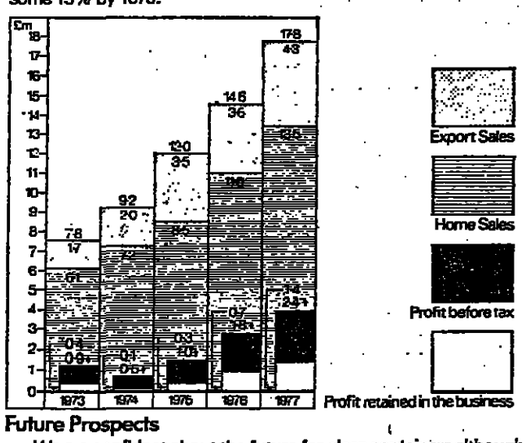
This healthy improvement is matched by a very large increase in the shareholders' funds which now amount to £10,568,000. This is due to the addition to our reserves of a substantial transfer from deferred taxation and a surplus on revaluation.

Production & Sales

During the first half of 1977 demand from the home market increased dramatically and we were able to increase our sales to record levels subject to the constraints of the stock which we had available at the beginning of the year and our manufacturing capacity. In order to overcome these limitations and satisfy prior customer requirements, we decided in the second half of the year to import a limited number of pharmaceutical bottles.

Our export sales reached a new peak of £4,311,000, an appreciable increase over the previous year's record figure of £3,605,000, and we are now recognised as the leading manufacturer of pharmaceutical bottles in Europe.

The £2,500,000 modernisation of our Rotherham plant which we noted in our Interim Statement, will increase overall output some 15% by 1979.



Future Prospects

We are confident about the future for glass containers although we recognise that the loss of production during modernisation of our Rotherham works and the competitive position of the glass container industry will make it difficult for us to improve on our record 1977 results during the current year. The benefit of the new production will become available principally in 1979 and it will be in that year when we will realise the full benefit of our present substantial investment.

BEATSON CLARK

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Please send me a copy of the 1978 Report & Accounts.

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

LONDON SUMATRA SHAREHOLDERS

MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD

You are recommended to reject the offer from McLeod-Sipef because:-

Increased remittances from Indonesia anticipated in the Board's circulars will allow increased dividends for you.

Acceptance of the offer could involve many of you in a substantial liability for capital gains tax.

The offer is equivalent to only 56% of Company's stated assets.

Why should your shares not be worth as much to you as they are to McLeod-Sipef?

YOU ARE ADVISED TO

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Business Diary

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Budget expectations and beyond . . . . . .

tions about what today's Budget will are so deeply entrenched that it e a real surprise to generate any ile market reaction either way.

the gilt-edged market the key rs will be the targets for 1978-79 rowth and the related public sector ng requirement. The tolerable upper ie markets could accommodate with- rse response would be about 12 per 1 £8,000m respectively, although 11 t and £7,500m would be preferred. ugh guide, the more restrictive the the more the gilt market will like a "give-away" as big as £2,500m e viewed suspiciously, if only as ation that the Chancellor's mood is e when the markets would prefer ain restrictive.

unless the Chancellor departs from these expectations the Budget ume little more significance than ey supply on Thursday and Friday's gures. What really matters is that kers believe the economic cycle is up, that monetary pressures are ating and that interest rates are e going to rise.

legree of Budgetary stimulus will lp determine when. If the Budget estraint and the money supply and gures are good, the recent pressure gher Minimum Lending Rate could te. But it would more probably be is a postponement than a total , and as long as this mood persists rd to see gilts breaking decisively

ies will be likewise constrained. ive, admittedly, been underpinned y the favourable impact of a gently g pound, and if the Chancellor ed dividend controls there could a burst of buying from institutions iquidity has been steadily building

nger term a trend to higher interest uld no more be good news for than for gilts. Nor could equities r long if today's Budget news trans- e pound's decline into a slide.

m-term lending

Bank's vations

a some of the more grandiose talk flooding British industry with term finance has come to nothing, erable amount has been done over rwo or three years to improve the e sector's access to medium-term The clearers have increased their term lending substantially—albeit air proportion of this has related lly to export finance—while FFI n as active as the state of the and the cost of money have In addition, the last few months en the resurrection of the Euro- market.

so, the possibility has remained that ight well be a considerable upsurge orate demand for medium-term as the economy at last moved out sion. If that does happen, then the will undoubtedly occur as to how banks would wish or be able to meet mand. In this context the Bank of 's oral evidence to the Wilson tee is of interest.

Bank's main concern is clearly with lications for monetary control. Were instance, to offer substantial unting facilities for medium term ould it in practice be able to control ntity of lending eligible for such ot?

latively, were the banks encouraged floating rate sterling bonds in their nes, could these bonds be guaranteed xempt from "corset" controls? If re, the Bank fears that its own hold redit control would be greatly ed. If they were not, it considers banks might be reluctant to issue nds in the first place.

Bank appears to feel that the creation ight conditions for the regeneration ong moribund corporate bond market e far more desirable. The clearers, e generally shown little enthusiasm ing medium-term bonds—some being ess concerned about the implications of mis-matched books than outside observers. It remains to be seen how they will match their books in the event of any infiltration into the home loan market.

Glaxo

Hit on two fronts

Strengthening of sterling at a time when new products have yet to make their mark on profits have combined to push Glaxo into the doldrums. Pre-tax profits were marginally ahead from £39.4m to £40.3m in the six months to last December but have been flattered by profits on sales of gilts of some £3m.

At the trading level, profits have declined by 7 per cent to £36.9m with the group being hit on two fronts—absence of any price increases to offset rising costs and the effect of a stronger pound on overseas profits. Conversion of overseas subsidiaries profits and net current assets knocked profits to the tune of £3.5m which coupled with the squeeze on export margins looks to have reduced the total by around £5m.

Together with the pressure on margins there has been a slowdown in sales growth with Glaxo only managing to raise turnover by 3½ per cent, excluding the Vestric wholesaling operation. Price increases in the United Kingdom from February will come as little help to the second half although the further slip in sterling will offset some of the first half currency losses.

Although antiasthmatics continue to do reasonably well, the weakening of the dollar has hit the bulk penicillin side while cephalosporins are running into increasing competition. A lot hinges on the two new products, Trandate and a second-generation cephalosporin "Ceruroxime", which appear to be going down well.

But there is a long lead time and with a yield of 3.1 per cent and profits only likely to match last year's £87m the shares, down 15p to 515p yesterday, are likely to remain in Beecham's shadow.

● *London Sumatra was an active share yesterday as the McLeod-Sipef bid moved into its final days. So were two other Harrisons & Crosfield companies—Hongkong (Selangor) Rubber and Castlefield (Klang)—on hopes that H&C will tidy up its empire and make bids for the companies.*

At first, London Sumatra dropped 11p to 117p, but in after-hours trading reached 130p on rumours of an announcement due from H&C. Incidentally, followers of this tangled bid situation will have realized that there was a typographical error yesterday; the prospective dividend yield at the bid price of 150p is 4.04 per cent, not 0.04 per cent.

Associated Biscuit

Standing up to comparison

United Biscuits' performance has inevitably overshadowed the more modest performance of Associated Biscuit Manufacturers but, while there is nothing spectacular in yesterday's 12 per cent profits growth to £10.6m from ABM, there is enough in the figures to suggest that the shares could show relative strength.

Like UB, ABM benefited from a strong Christmas trade at home and this was accompanied in the second half by improvements in France and Canada. This year, while the United Kingdom has so far been flat, even a marginal improvement in consumer spending should prompt the long-awaited trading up to higher margin lines to which ABM is geared.

If the overseas businesses manage to mark time or improve slightly, progress in the United Kingdom should be enough to provide reasonable profits growth to about £12m this year, in spite of the cutback at the pretax level due to the impending deconsolidation of the Indian subsidiary.

This points to a prospective p/e ratio of below 6 with the shares at 73p while UB, whose earnings will probably be static due to the effects of the rights issue, are selling at 8½ times earnings prospectively. Additionally, ABM now has a yield advantage of 1.2 per cent. So having fallen from 90p in November, when the price was supported by hopes of a bid from Rowntree Mackintosh, the shares now look good value.

Will Mr Healey set the scene for a fresh pay policy?

Mr Moss Evans, the new leader of the TGWU: an insistence on the 1977 TUC formula of voluntary collective bargaining.

Mr Len Murray, TUC General Secretary: attitudes that could bring a split with the Government are likely to be avoided.

When the Chancellor rises in the House today to make his expected appeal for wage moderation for another year, it will be in the certain knowledge that the Callaghan Government has achieved something of a postwar miracle by making a third phase of incomes policy stick.

Miners, engineers, powerworkers, steelmen and civil servants have huffed and puffed, but only the firemen seriously tried to blow the house down. They failed, not through a collapse of their own nerve but because the TUC General Council did not want a politically embarrassing breach with the Government.

In retrospect, the decision of December 21 not to mount a general offensive against the 10 per cent ceiling (the firemen refused to be a special case) was a watershed in the fortunes of phase three.

From that point on those, like the miners, who went to the TUC in search of support for a pay claim that was in breach of the wage restraint guidelines, came away empty-handed. Mr Len Murray has not yet actually gone so far as to use the words of his predecessor, Lord Feather, that the TUC was "reluctantly acquiescing" in the pay policy, but actions speak louder than words.

Now that the bargaining season is almost over, the Government evidently feels it can afford to apply a judicious veneer of flexibility to its hitherto rigorous enforcement of the guidelines. Hence the Cabinet's sanction of a new national agreement for the engineering industry that represents a mild breach.

Up to 30,000 low-paid engineering workers will either get two rises this year or more than 10 per cent to bring them up to the industry's guaranteed minimum time rate.

That concession was made by the employers under the duress of a threatened two-day national stoppage, demonstrating that coercive bargaining, despite being rather unfashionable, still has a future. And, it must be remembered, the firemen at least got a settlement for the firemen on that much harder. The outcome of exempting their big rises this autumn and next from the constraints of any phase four.

Will there be a phase four? Not if Mr Moss Evans, the new incumbent at Transport House, has anything to do with it. Probably more than any other union the Transport and General Workers' Union has insisted that the 1977 Trades Union Congress formula of voluntary collective bargaining means what it says.

At Ford, Vauxhall and in the road haulage industry they asked for, and got, more than the policy allows and more than the Government wanted them to have. Now the transport workers are asking their regional officers to log departmental withdrawal of contracts from firms that breached the guidelines so they can insist on their reinstatement.

But Mr Evans (who voted December morning when Congress House was almost under siege from demonstrating fire brigade strikers) is only one of six who bargain with the Cabinet on economic determination. And his two million block vote at the TUC is powerless to prevent Congress from taking the opposite view.

For an alliance of the "free bargainers" to be successful it must have the engineering workers, and their future policy direction is in the melting pot of a presidential election. If the "moderate" candidate, Mr Terry Duffy, wins the election the ranks of the pro-restraint camp will be immeasurably strengthened.

But if it is to be Mr Bob Wright, the candidate of the left and a dyed-in-the-wool opponent of incomes policies, the Government's task will be much harder. The outcome of the election is likely to be declared on May 2, the day after Mr Callaghan takes his message to the trade union conference forum with an address to the Association of Professional Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff at Eastbourne.

An indication that the TUC at least has an open mind on the issue was given in its 1978 *Economic Review*, which pointed out that the TUC had not agreed to the 10 per cent limit, but added: "There is now a firm prospect of an increase in real national output and real incomes. Provided the rate of inflation continues to fall, increases in real wages will be compatible with modest money wage increases."

It will be on what Mr Healey does about taxation and the burning question of unemployment that union leaders will finally judge his Budget. The TUC economic committee meets tomorrow to debate the outcome of their efforts to persuade the Chancellor to give the economy a £4,000m boost through lower personal taxation and increased public spending.

The building workers in particular are looking for help for the construction industry, which relies on public contracts for half its work.

Until the Chancellor sits down it is, of course, impossible to say what will be the Cabinet's pay policy ploy this year. Certainly it is unlikely that ministers will leave it as late as last year, allowing anti-restraint decisions to pile up during the early summer trade union conference season.

Agreement on a restrictive norm is also too much to hope for; Mr David Basnett, chairman of the TUC and general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, the Government's closest ally in the Labour movement, has rejected any suggestion of a rigid policy, and the TUC general secretary has publicly chided ministers for even flying kites about a phase four.

But equally, it is impossible to envisage a parting of the ways as a result of the Government's trying to hang on to as much of an incomes policy as possible for as long as it can. None of the TUC moguls want to repeat the split that cost Labour's election chances so dear in 1970.

So the two sides will cobble up some sort of joint statement pledging mutual support, to get through the September Congress without being savaged by those who want unfettered collective bargaining.

That would then leave the Government to pursue its own policy in the public sector while relying on its hold over public contracts and three years accumulated experience of wage moderation to ensure "responsible bargaining" in the private sector, to use a phrase that Mr Evans is bringing into vogue.

Paul Routledge

A meagre economic inheritance for Zimbabwe

Paul Ellman

Black ministers moving into portfolios in Rhodesia's multiracial transitional government face a number of nasty surprises, not least the depth of the country's economic decline.

Some, indeed, might be forgiven for suspecting that the state of the economy played as important a part as the growing guerrilla threat in persuading Mr Ian Smith, the prime minister, and his white minority government that it was time to bale out and to accept black majority rule.

A combination of the five-year-old war, the world recession and the intensification of sanctions has effectively booby-trapped the economy for any future black government. It could well find its field of manoeuvre so limited as to make it virtually impossible to satisfy the aspirations of the black population.

As Rhodesia's biggest bank, the Standard, puts it in its latest economic bulletin: "More than ever before, time is running out for the economy and in the absence of the breakthrough to international recognition, it is faced with the spectre of closures and redundancies on a significant scale."

The war is now costing £800,000 a day, a figure expected to increase by 15-20 per cent in the fiscal year 1978-79. On top of this the war is distorting the supply of skilled manpower, with white males facing military call-up for up to six months of the year.

Increasing insecurity is driving whites to leave the country at a rate of some 1,000 a month, a level which is expected to rise sharply during the run-up to black rule on December 31.

Rhodesia, once apparently hermetically sealed against the vicissitudes of world trade, has now caught up with the world recession. The balance of payments slipped into deficit last year after recording a surplus of 17 million Rhodesian dollars (about £14.5m) in 1976.

With import prices said to be rising at an annual rate of 10 per cent, the payments situation is expected to deteriorate further this year. On the export side, both volume and value are likely to decline, particularly in the mining sector owing to low world demand for nickel and ferro-chrome.

The devaluation of the Rhodesian dollar two weeks ago, the second in six months, while more to do with the fall in the value of the American dollar than with the country's own economic problems, nevertheless highlighted the deteriorating terms of trade confronting Rhodesia.

Sanctions

This deterioration has already produced a 20 per cent cutback in allocations of foreign currency for local importers. A further reduction of the same order has now been announced for the second quarter of this year.

No matter what happens, a further decline in the real gross domestic product can be expected to occur this year after the estimated 7 to 8 per cent fall in 1977.

The only hope of minimizing this is a stimulus to exports through the lifting of sanctions after international recognition of the settlement signed on March 3 by Mr Smith and three black nationalist leaders.

For the moment sanctions are adding greatly to Rhodesia's difficulties after the repeal of the Byrd Amendment in the United States, which once again closed off that market to local chrome suppliers, and a tightening earlier in the year of Swiss government regulations enforcing sanctions.

Yet, in the present circumstances, even if they were lifted overnight, the effect would be only marginal, with one estimate that the net improvement in the foreign exchange position would be somewhat less than 20 per cent. This does not take capital inflows into account, however, and presumably the effect of legalizing the Salisbury government would include access to loan funds from international agencies like the World Bank.

The difficulties listed above have raised fears that, unless a significant turn-round can be achieved soon, the damage inflicted on the economy could well become permanent. All present indicators point to the fact that this will prove to be the case and that the Black rulers of Zimbabwe may find that their birthright has been mortgaged away.

Even if the war were to end—an unlikely event given fresh pledges by the patriotic front guerrilla alliance to destroy the Salisbury settlement agreement—the future government will find its strategic options extremely limited. Quite simply, the backlog of problems is now so extended that it can only produce a crisis of expectations among the black population, which could well harm the prospects for the new government of securing popular support against the guerrillas.

As the boom years from UDI in 1965 to the beginning of the recession in 1974 benefited the 265,000 whites disproportionately, with the ratio of their average earnings to those of blacks widening to 11 to one, so the fallback has hit the blacks worst.

Present estimates put the real fall in black earnings since 1974 at between 35 and 40 per cent. Put another way, it will take real growth in the gdp averaging 9 per cent a year for the next six years to bring real black earnings in 1984 back to their level in 1974.

The number of jobless blacks is increasing at an average of 1,000 a month and since 1974 there has been a shortfall of about 250,000 in the creation of new jobs compared with what was needed to avoid an increase in unemployment. Adding to the potentially catastrophic difficulties facing a black government on this front it is officially estimated that 60,000-80,000 new jobs a year will have to be created simply to keep pace with the growth in population which, at 4 per cent a year, is now among the highest in the world.

Inflation, too, has hit the black population more than the white minority, with the lower income index running at 12 per cent while the upper income index is at 9.6 per cent.

Food supply

Land hunger, particularly in the over-populated tribal trust lands of the south east of the country, will also put pressure on a black government radically to alter the structure of land tenure. This, unless carefully carried out, could drive white farmers away in such number that Rhodesia could, from being a net exporter of food, turn into a net importer like the majority of other African countries.

All these pressures—for jobs, for land, for schools, for housing—will hit the black government at a time when its resources are also likely to be declining. The recession and white emigration have diminished the tax base available to any government. For example, corporate gross profits, which accounted for a little over 29 per cent of gdp in 1974, accounted for only 19 per cent in 1977.

Those likely to form the first black government of Zimbabwe on December 31—Bishop Abel Muzorewa's United African National Council and the Reverend Ndabaningi Sithole's faction of the African National Council—have both pledged that they will not pursue radical economic strategies. Both, for example, have pledged that there will not be wholesale nationalization of commerce and industry as there has been, with disastrous effect, in neighbouring Zambia.

Nevertheless, they will inherit a battery of price, income and investment controls which belie Rhodesia's claim to be a thoroughgoing free enterprise society and the temptation will clearly be to use these to adjust income flows in favour of those who have yet to benefit from what has been in many ways a miracle economy by standards of Africa and the Third World.

If the black signatories of the Salisbury agreement are to be taken at their word, and if income redistribution and a general increase in living standards are to be achieved in tandem with growth, then massive injections of funds will be needed, perhaps as much as the $1,500m American dollars suggested in the Anglo-American peace plan.

Without these, any black government faces continuing stagnation, a mounting bill for the war—not only in terms of arms and ammunition but also for the destruction of capital stock and agricultural capacity—and, perhaps most important of all, a black population whose political disappointment could become a permanent source of instability. That is why it is vitally important for the Salisbury agreement to be sold to the international community.

Equally, it is why the United States and Britain are correct in insisting that only an agreement which ends the war can in the long term offer any hope for Zimbabwe.

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C. Roxas, a director of the bank since 1975 and vice-chairman of the board of AEIBC. Roxas was formerly chief executive of The Bancom Group, a Philippine investment bank he formed in 1965 with United States and Philippine investors. He has been an adviser of the Philippine ruler, President Marcos.

■ *Robin Hendy walked into the London showrooms of Stanley Gibbons Currency a while ago to buy some old bonds and share certificates for his collection, only to find that he knew more about the value of what they had in stock than did the firm itself.*

Hendy, a stockbroker, had been collecting these often ornate pieces of paper for eight years, whereas Gibbons Currncy began dealing in them only earlier this year.

He is now the firm's consultant and his Gibbons guide to this newish form of collecting will appear shortly. It will be followed by a book on paper currency and bonds written with Colin Narbeth joint managing director of Gibbons Currency.

Hendy's move illustrates neatly how this so far unnamed pursuit (Business Diary hereby christens it "bondaphily") is moving beyond the Square Mile, where it has been a cult for some years, and into the wider world of collecting alongside stamps, coins, banknotes and playing cards.

Narbeth says it is the cheapest collectable paper; but adds that as documents encapsulate both history and art the pursuit is here to stay and prices are likely to rise sharply in years to come.

Brian Harris

It's only a paper boom: Stanley Gibbons Currency's Robin Hendry (left) and Colin Narbeth in London yesterday.

The very rarest items, such as a handwritten South Sea Company bond of the 1720s still costs only about £200. There is a lot of beautifully engraved and more recent American paper at under a fiver apiece.

Hendy tips British paper, which—unlike the American—is not released once it becomes non-negotiable (say when a company is taken over and fresh issues made), as well as Chinese and Russian issues of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Jobbers in the London market, he says, are buying but not selling interesting examples and there are rumours that what little is available is being quietly snapped up by the Soviet and Communist Chinese Governments against the day the paper has to be honoured.

■ Walls Meat, one of Britain's oldest national meat processing companies, is about to start selling Danish bacon under its own name. What is worse, the Danish bacon will be cheaper than Walls's existing British product.

The move has aroused resentment among pig farmers, already smarting from undercutting by Danish rivals who enjoy large EEC export subsidies on sales to the low-priced British market.

It is as if Leyland revived the defunct but emotive Riley name and used it to sell cars supplied by Datsun at lower prices than the nearest British-made rival. But Walls has acquired new management after an almost total reshuffle of a board which previously included Major Peter Phillips, the father-in-law of Princess Anne.

Walls is a Unilever subsidiary, but it is only in the past three years that the board has been dominated by Unilever men who developed their careers through a succession of group companies. The old board had a long and close relationship with British farmers which led to development of the specially bred Walls pig.

Many of the present directors came to Walls via the Unilever soap and detergent companies on Merseyside. Their decision to take a cautious step into the British market for Danish bacon was prompted by a recent Price Commission report on the marketing of bacon.

This said, more in sorrow than in anger, that British bacon curers were incapable of producing "high quality bacon which will stand up to Danish competition". Jack Freeman, marketing director of Walls, said the market for processed pig was bedevilled by EEC subsidies which far outweighed the difference between low British production costs and high ones in other EEC countries.

"Under these circumstances you are better off buying hams", he said. "If you are totally dependent on buying your own animal when you can buy bits round the world, you are really putting yourself at risk".

CHAMBERLAIN GROUP

Preliminary Results for the year ended 31st December 1977

	1977 £000	1976 £000
Turnover	21,612	18,580
Pretax Profits	2,009	1,958
Dividend per share	2.757p	1.827p
Earnings per share	9.95p	8.65p

* Total dividend for the year increased from 1.827p to 2.757p per share, covered three times by earnings.

* At the year end cash balances exceeded bank borrowings.

* The acquisition of businesses involving a reasonably high degree of precision and technology is being actively pursued.

* The response to the new range of Staffa hydraulic motors is encouraging and further additions to the range will be made in 1978.

* No sign of a significant upturn in the UK construction industry but our overseas markets have proved more successful.

CHAMBERLAIN GROUP LIMITED

Hydraulic & Structural Engineers

Copies of the Report and Accounts will be posted to shareholders on 19th April 1978.

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London heads fixed interest league

Comparing stock exchanges

Stock markets vary greatly in the intensity with which they deal in fixed interest securities. In the United Kingdom the average bond is held for less than a year but on the Continent many fixed interest stocks are sold direct to banks and other institutions instead of being issued through the market and are then held until redemption.

As a result the ratio of market capitalization to turnover for fixed interest stocks in France and Germany is 12 or 13 years while in Italy it is even longer.

The high rate of switching in Britain is the result of the very sophisticated market in government securities. The government broker not only sells these gilt edged stocks on to the market but may also buy them back again when they are close to their redemption date.

Low dealing costs and the ease with which large quantities can be bought or sold encourages arbitrage between different maturity dates and types of stock.

A further factor is that United Kingdom banks find it convenient to buy short-dated stocks since they qualify as reserve assets when they have a year or less to run.

For these reasons the London Stock Exchange does more business in fixed interest societies than all the rest of the world's exchanges together even though the market value of its bonds is only half that for the German exchanges and less than that of other countries such as Japan, France or Switzerland.

Besides the official stock exchanges secondary markets have grown up to handle the Euro currency securities. Unambiguous statistics on these markets are not available but they rival London in size and are growing rapidly.

Unlike fixed interest stocks equities show a broadly similar ratio of domestic market capitilization to turnover of five to seven years in most of the major exchanges. Tokyo, however, at two years, is rather more frenetic than the others.

(These ratios understate the average length of time for which securities are held since the turnover values used in the calculations include dealings in foreign as well as domestic equities.)

For equities London is the third largest exchange in the world after New York and Tokyo. Even though the Toronto Stock Exchange carries a higher value of domestic equities than the German ones, turnover on it is very low so it is reasonable to view the German exchanges as being fourth largest for equities. Paris is next behind Germany in terms of value of domestic equities but both Amex and Amsterdam have higher turnovers. Milan on any criterion is a small exchange in equity terms and stands only about fourteenth in the world rankings.

A growing proportion of the securities issued in the European countries have been generated by the public sector, including state credit institutions. This trend coupled with the squeeze on private sector profits has meant that quoted securities are now dominated by the fixed interest variety.

London and Amsterdam are the only EEC exchanges where the value of equities approximates to that of fixed interest stock; but outside Europe equities predominate in the United States, Tokyo, Hongkong, and Johannesburg exchanges and are not listed at all in Toronto or Kuwait.

The high level of fixed interest investment quoted in Germany enables that country to rank third after New York and Tokyo in terms of the total market value of all types of domestic issue quoted with London fourth, Paris fifth and Milan probably sixth.

In overall turnover terms London still comes out as the second largest exchange. On this basis Germany occupies fifth position behind Tokyo and Zurich. Paris is beaten for seventh place by Amsterdam while Milan, where fixed interest trade is at a negligible level, comes no higher than 12th.

Turnover on the French and Italian markets has been falling since 1975. This fall is particularly large in Italy where the value in 1977 was only just over half the 1975 figure. Part of the reason for this contraction is the decline in share prices.

Even if equity turnover is adjusted by the average share price index, however, its real 1977 value in France and Italy still works out at only 80 per cent of the 1975 figure.

Britain and Germany on the other hand are still growing markets.

EUROPA STOCK MARKET STATISTICS—1977
(£s thousand million)

	Turnover			Market value at year end		
	Total	Fixed Interest	Equity	Total	Fixed Interest	Equity
UK (1)	86.7	76.6	10.1	127	67	60
Germany (2)	18.4	10.9	7.3	132(3)	98(3)	34(3)
Paris (2)	5.6	3.0	2.6	52	37	15
Milan (4)	0.8	0.2	0.6	na	na	na

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(1) Turnover figures divided by two to eliminate double counting due to the jobbing system
(2) December 1977 turnover estimated
(3) End November
(4) Last quarter's turnover estimated
Sources: EEC Eurostat Monthly General Statistics, December 1977
The Stock Exchange, London
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FINANCIAL NEWS

I J Dewhirst up 15 pc: Alb't Martin up 50 pc

By Ray Maughan

At first sight, the market has reacted in quite the wrong way to the results of two major Marks and Spencer suppliers. Albert Martin Holdings was unchanged yesterday at 85p after 50 per cent pre-tax growth to £1.69m and higher margins while I. J. Dewhirst, which produces over 90 per cent of its suits, shirts and blouses for the retail chain, climbed 2p to 63p as pre-tax profits advanced 15 per cent to £1.05m on a 30 per cent sales rise.

Margins at Martin improved from 8.6 per cent to 9.3 per cent and the return on its sales to Marks and Spencer (41 per cent of the total) was also about 9.3 per cent.

Unlike Dewhirst, Martin has a thriving independent export business where the strong recovery in the knitwear division helped the contribution up by 51 per cent to £3.67m. The increased gross total dividend of 5.6p per share yields 6.6 per cent and the fully taxed historic earnings multiple is 6.2.

Dewhirst chairman, Mr Alistair Dewhirst, describes work on export growth as "hard going" and, still almost entirely dependent on the home market, the group was forced to maintain full production at the expense of margins which slipped from 8.9 per cent to 8.3 per cent.

The fully taxed p/e is 9.5 while the maximum total dividend of 2.67 per cent growth indicates a 4.2 per cent yield.

Martin, then, looks considerably the cheaper of the two and this view might be reinforced by the boost that Mothercare (5 per cent of total sales) will give to the group's emergent Hongkong business when the mother and baby wear chain expands further in the United States.

Moreover, Martin is backed by assets of 93p per share which should show a significant rise on the revaluation at the end of this year.

But current trading paints a slightly different picture. Martin's French knitwear exports have suffered a temporary hiccup on the recent election fears and the level of growth overall in the first quarter is said to be "modest".

The volume of orders from Marks and Spencer is understood to be about the same as in 1977.

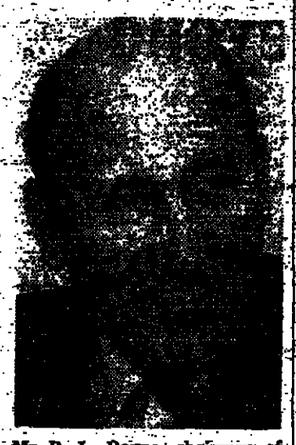
Dalgety buys N Z machinery distributor

By Victor Felstead

The British-based trading group Dalgety, which now has worldwide interests, is to expand in New Zealand.

Dalgety's subsidiary there is to take over C. B. Norwood, the leading New Zealand distributor of agricultural machinery. The price for the ordinary shares is 3.75m ordinary $1 shares of Dalgety New Zealand and $187,500 cash.

Based on the current market price of DNZ's shares, the consideration for the ordinary capital is about $6.7m (£3.7m). Norwood's net assets at March 31, 1977, were $10.3m and after-tax profits for the two years ending March 31, 1976 and 1977, were $926,000 and $1.58m respectively.


Mr D. L. Dome, chairman of Dalgety.

In addition, DNZ will buy the 500,000 $1 redeemable preference shares of Norwood at par for cash.

DNZ's capital will be increased from 20.97m $1 shares to 24.72m $1 shares. As a result Dalgety's holding will fall from 67 to 57 per cent. Based on a consolidation of the earnings of Norwood and DNL for their financial years ending in 1977, the earnings per share of DNL would improve from 30.7 to 32.4 cents.

Norwood holds the franchise throughout New Zealand for the distribution of Massey Ferguson tractors. It also distributes a wide range of other agricultural and horticultural equipment, including Ransomes and Farmhand products.

Hewden-Stuart is bent on repairing its margins

By Michael Clark

The margins of luckless Hewden-Stuart are unrealistically low and less than one third of the levels deemed appropriate by the prices board. But the Glasgow-based plant hire group still managed a 31 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £4.59m for the year to January 29.

Capital expenditure exceeded £16m bringing the total invested in the past three years to more than £33m. Borrowings increased by about £6m but gearing remains low. Anyway, the cash flow is £9.4m. However, the increase in borrowings, the board say, supports the need for a large increase in margins and therefore in profits to generate funds for replacement of plant and this remains the basic objective.

Nevertheless, while materials have not materially improved, profits show an increase of 31 per cent. The board goes on to point out that the results are "remarkable" considering the recession in construction and the absence of any improvement in industrial activity.

The success of the group stems from the spread of interconnected activities and geographical locations which have been augmented recently by expansion into quarrying, transport and blockmaking in Shetland and pipe fabrication in Glasgow.

It is expected that these new ventures will contribute to profits in the current year. Meantime the initial setting up cost and losses have been written off. All other operational divisions improved profits including the earthmoving hire division. But heavy plant suffered from a shortage of work and incurred substantial losses. It is too early to identify positive trends. The internal figures available indicate that despite the appalling weather there has been a small overall improvement in comparison with last year.

The contracts division has recently seen an upturn in tenders and work obtained and if this experience is in line with the rest of industry the hire divisions should benefit in due course.

Chamberlain wants an engineer for £5m

By Bryan Appleyard

Chamberlain Group, hydraulic and struc- engineers, increased its p profits from £1.96m to jus £2m in 1977. Turnover from £18.6m to £21.6m.

Turnover on the hyd sids improved from £7. £8.2m but profits fell sl from £1.05m to £1.01m structural engineering tur rose from £10.4m to £ though profits fell £997,000 to £833,000.

The property develo side has been discon cu ing out the 1976 los £94,000 and there were office profits of £162,00

All the sales growth from exports with the m ment spread across al markets in which the operates. Export accounted for £6.4m al figure will be higher this

Chamberlain has been ing for a major acquisit some time now. The targ company in the precision eering field either in the kingdom or abroad, as price tag can go up to £5m.

The price would be a cash and shares and the sheet looks easily able that kind of bill. After th rights issue the group geared with cash of £4m deferred tax of £847,00

In current trading Ch lain is holding its breath 30 per cent increase order book in the first Export orders are up by cent with both hydraul structural showing consi strength.

Overall the group is at about 75 per cent and capital spending th is expected to run at last year's £850,000.

The group has chan accounting for deferred last year's earnings per are restated upwards 7.27p to 8.65p, and th earnings are 9.95p.

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Preliminary Announcement for the year ended 31st December 1977

	1977 £000's	1976 £000's
Sales – United Kingdom:		
Biscuits, wafer and confectionery	122,495	99,811
Packaging and light engineering	5,151	3,757
	127,646	103,568
Overseas biscuits and other food:		
Canada	25,374	29,364
India	30,464	27,316
France	9,254	7,815
Rest of world	433	869
Associate	5,017	4,427
Total sales	198,188	173,359
Trading profit – United Kingdom:		
Biscuits, wafer and confectionery	6,568	5,136
Packaging and light engineering	583	(153)
	7,151	4,983
Overseas biscuits and other food:		
Canada	1,117	1,562
India	2,972	2,769
France	582	920
Rest of world	36	60
Total trading profit	11,858	10,294
Other income less charges	329	54
	12,187	10,348
Net interest payable	1,566	908
	10,621	9,440
Share of profit (loss) of associate	(31)	39
Profit before taxation, exchange differences and extraordinary items	10,590	9,479
Taxation	3,091	2,902
Profit after taxation but before exchange differences and extraordinary items	7,499	6,577
Minority interests and preference dividends	721	763
Exchange differences and extraordinary items	803	218
Profit attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	5,975	5,596
Ordinary dividends:		
7.50% interim paid	634	558
8.43% proposed final payable 3rd July 1978	741	639
	1,375	1,197
Amount added to reserves	4,600	4,399
Earnings per Ordinary Share before exchange differences and extraordinary items – on capital at 31st December 1977	16.0p	13.8p
– on capital on full conversion of 6½% Unsecured Loan Stock and exercise of outstanding share options	15.3p	13.3p

Note: The latest accounting standards for the treatment of deferred taxation and exchange differences have been adopted in 1977 and the 1976 figures have been restated accordingly.

Extracts from Statement by the Chairman The Hon. Gordon W. N. Palmer.

RESULTS

Group turnover at £198m increased by 14%. Pre-tax profits were up £1.1m on the previous year. After two poor years, particularly good results are reported by the Packaging and Light Engineering Division. Earnings per Ordinary share have improved to 16.0p.

DIVIDEND

Total dividend for the year is 15.93% (including 0.12% paid in respect of 1976) against a previous 14.15%. This is the maximum permitted dividend and is covered 4 times.

GROUP DEVELOPMENT

Based on the experience of the last few years of high inflation in this country and on the rather static market in which we operate, we have come to the view that it would be right to extend the Group's geographical spread. We believe this will benefit shareholders and employees alike and will add stability and strength to the business. It is in pursuit of this policy that we are in negotiation for the acquisition of the Salerno-Megowen Biscuit Company of Chicago, as announced in December, and have acquired two smaller confectionery businesses in Europe.

THE FUTURE

In the UK, and in Canada, the last year or two have seen difficult market conditions with some fall in demand and very competitive trading activity. Surprisingly, perhaps, the squeeze on personal spending has affected food sales more than expected. No doubt this is because manufactured foods have risen in price more rapidly than the overall index. We must hope that 1978 will bring some increase in consumer spending as well as more stable raw materials prices. Our prosperity in 1978 will obviously be affected by the overall economy in the UK and North America. Irrespective, however, of the economic factors, our results in 1978 undoubtedly depend to a large extent on our management, our ability to improve productivity, our speed of reaction to the changing conditions in which we operate, and our success in expanding overseas.

Copies of the 1977 Report and Accounts, containing the full Statement by the Chairman may be had on request from the Secretary, The Associated Biscuit Manufacturers Limited, 121 Kings Road, Reading RG1 3DE.

Business appointments

Two new members for Bowater board

Mr Geoffrey Maddrell and Mr Leo Tutt have become additional members of the board of Bowater Corporation. Mr Arthur Lissenden is to retire from the board in June.

Mr Sixto K. Roxas, vice-chairman of American Express International Banking Corporation, has been elected chairman of Amex Bank. He succeeds Lord Camoys who is to become managing director of Barclays Merchant Bank.

Mr Peter Holmes has been made a director of the principal companies of Norwich Union Insurance.

Mr S. M. Hornby, an executive director of W. H. Smith and Son, has been made a non-executive director of S. Pearson and Son.

Mr Ron Hughes becomes financial director of Crown Paints.

Mr G. W. Hutton has been elected deputy chairman of Lloyd's Underwriters' Association for the remainder of the year.

Mr Donald Bardsley has become executive deputy chairman of Bank Julius Baer International.

Lord Camoys

Following the reorganization of Alfred Blackmore Group, Mr David Blackmore has resigned as chairman but remains on the board as a non-executive director. Mr C. E. Holyroyd has been made chairman. Mr A. J. Greenacre and Mr J. Banyard have resigned and Mr P. J. Dredge, Mr D. H. Beckingham, Mr J. W. Fowler and Mr J. H. Northridge have become directors. Mr Dredge becomes chairman of Alfred Blackmore and Co.

Mr S. C. M. Hunt has given up the managing directorship of Tace through ill-health. Mr R. E. Richardson joins the board.

Mr Brian Smith is to join the partnership of Wood, Mackenzie on April 15.

Mr N. T. Dukes is the new chairman of Ductile Steel Stockists. He succeeds Mr C. J. Baker, who remains managing director.

Mr L. T. B. King has become a director of Nolton.

Mr J. W. A. Lyons, Mr M. E. J. Bone and Miss H. Brown will be joining the partnership of W. I. Carr, Sons from April 17. Mr J. A. Filmer Wilson is resigning but remains a partner of W. I. Carr, Sons (Overseas).

Mr Oliver Sutton has succeeded Mr H. K. Jolly as director of the British Radio Equipment Manufacturers' Association and the Radio Industry Council.

Mr Graham Potter joins the board of Goddard Kay Rogers and Associates.

Mr Howard Jones has been made a director of Rowlinson Securities.

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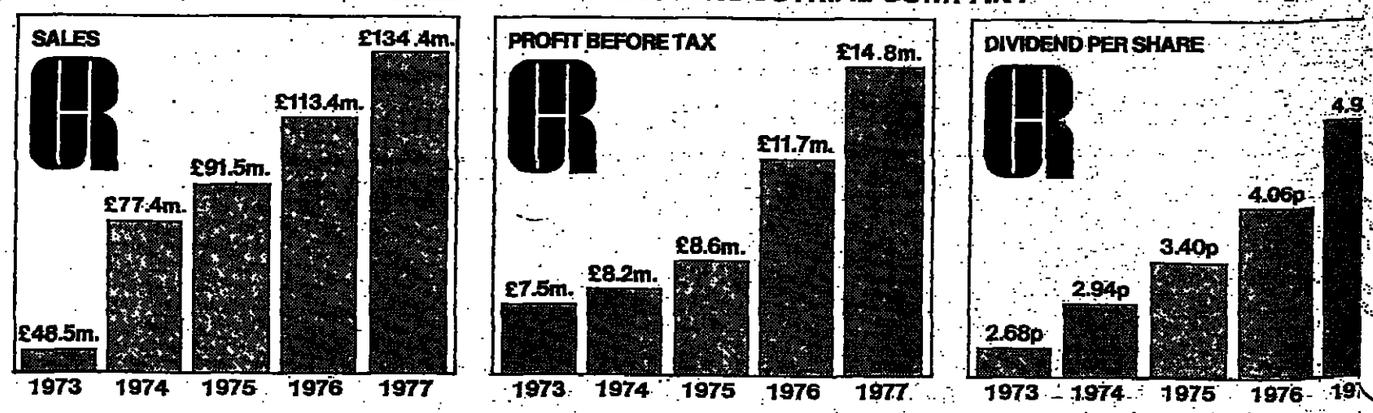

Extracts from Chairman's Statement
Michael J. Dargan

Group Profit before Tax at £14,769,000, representing an increase of 26.7% over 1976, was satisfactory. Profit of this order is necessary to support further investment.

Platin Cement Plant Extension

The £40 million Platin extension has been completed on time and on the cost figure determined by the Board. The successful conclusion of a project of this size is sufficiently unusual in recent years to merit a special tribute to management and employees. Our thanks are also due to all the other people who participated.

Revaluation

We have revalued our land and buildings, as a result of which the figure for land and buildings has changed from £25.3 million to £41.0 million. Our net assets per share now amount to 123.05p.

Premier Periclase

A study team set up to search for a suitable replacement industry for the Drogheda Cement Works came up with an imaginative proposal to manufacture high-grade magnesia, using as key local resources the site and facilities, high purity limestone available on company lands, seawater from the Boyne estuary and employing skilled process workers. We have as a partner in this £30 million venture G. R. Stein Limited, a subsidiary of Hepworth Ceramic Holdings Ltd. Siteworks are progressing well.

1977		% Change
Sales	£134.4m.	+18.5
Profit before Tax	£14.8m.	+26.7
Earnings per Share	17.43p.	+19.7
Dividend per Share	4.94p.	+21.6
Dividend Cover (Times)	3.51	
New Investment	£21m.	

Wealth for the Community

Wealth, the mainspring of economic progress, is derived from profit, but its generation often seems to be construed as a function of the State. The State is seen as the provider of the social services, education, housing, grants for industrial and agricultural development and a host of other things. The public is left to assume that the State provides the money for all this.

Private Enterprise and Jobs

Private enterprise is unwisely allowing a responsibility in the provision of jobs, to a measure that is impractical, to be attributed to it. The fact is that we need efficiency and drive in both the private and public sectors. There are many impediments. The level of income tax on all people at work is too high and is discouraging extra effort. Price control operates in a manner that inhibits capital investment. Restrictive work practices and structu deficiencies in industrial relations causing severe failures are tolerated as being unalterable.

Investment

We should have an investment capability in Ireland of over £100 million through the next five years. This will come mainly from retained profits and from depreciation, supplemented as found necessary by borrowing. In addition, we plan to extend by growth and acquisitions abroad, in order to give us the spread of ris and opportunities essential for the long-time security of your Company. Our existing overseas ventures in the United Kingdom, Holland, Cyprus, and now in Nigeria, have all prospered in 1977 and are making a significa contribution to our earnings.

Management and Staff

Our management and staff deserve our gratitu for taking us so well through the years of recession in th construction industry. This was done through constant cost restraint and at the same time pursuit of every char no matter how difficult, at home or abroad, to strengthe your Company.

Outlook

The indications are that the construction indust in Ireland will be encouraged to grow and your Compa should, therefore, have an opportunity to prosper. Assuming settled conditions in Ireland and in our other markets, we are confident that we will maintain our progress.

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Budget blues also hit the drinks sector with losses of a penny or two leaving Distillers at 175p, Arthur Bell at 228p, Highland at 139p, Bass Charrington at 153p and Scottish & Newcastle at 64p. Allied Brewers, which takes in the Teacher's whisky group, was unchanged at 86p.

There was little business in this sector but the feeling in the market is that the share price of beer stocks could withstand a Budget increase of around a penny a pint.

The tobacco conglomerates, on the other hand, are likely to see their share prices trimmed back if the Chancellor increases the tax on cigarettes but, yesterday, the prices held steady. BATS ended the session at 300p, Imperial Group at 74½p and Rothmans at 49½p.

Stores also shed a few pence though worries of an increase in VAT have largely been dismissed by the market. Debenhams at 105p, Boots at 213p and GUS "A" at 286p eased 2p while Marks & Spencer at 147p and British Home Stores at 185p were unchanged.

Ratners continued to go better, ending a penny up at 105p, on the back of last week's news that H. Samuel had increased its holding in the group.

Renewed take-over talk added 4p to Johson Group at 87½p. No names have been mentioned yet but it is thought unlikely that Sketchley will try again for the cleaning group. The shares now stand at more than double the 42p offered last year.

SUITS improved 5p to 118p following the offer from Lonrho, itself a penny firmer at 70p. House of Fraser, in which Lonrho also has a stake, was hoisted 3p to 148p.

Another bid favourite Letraset gained 6p to 151p on hopes of o takeover. Among the names being mentioned in the market are Reckitt & Colman and an American group.

Among the industrial leaders the weakness of Glaxo left its mark on Beecham which dropped 10p to 640p. ICI slipped 8p to 351p and was under some pressure while Smiths Industries had a nervous session ahead of figures to close 4p lower at 158p.

Over in foods Spillers dipped 2p more to 26p after dealers had considered further the bakery disposal. Others reacting to last week's news were Linfood, down 5p to 130p, and Wheatsheaf Distribution which gave up 4p to 188p. An adverse factor for Linfood was the realization that it had lowered its profits estimate for this year while the near 30 per cent stake in Bishops Stores lifted the "A" shares of the group 8p to 143p on the possibility of a full-scale bid of a disposal of the stake. In view of the move for Wheatsheaf the latter is thought more likely.

Figures from Associated Biscuits formed the other main feature of the sector. The profits were regarded as satisfactory but a none-too-happy outlook left the shares 3p off at 73p.

In buildings Hewden-Stuart gained a penny to 57p after figures which showed up slim margins, while Crossley Building rose 2p to 64p mainly on the strength of a confident outlook. Ibstock Johnsen, another brick maker, added 3p to 48p in sympathy.

Both Home Charm, up 6p to 117p, and M. Y. Dart 2p to 70p, responded to comment but

Followers of Crystalate, now 23p, argue that the market concentrates too much on its barren past. This was once a chemical group which now draws most of its money from electronics. Last year profits were £525,000 after £357,000, and losses in 1974. This year profits could easily top £850,000. An acquisition should come soon, again in electronics. The February rights issue money will help pay for that.

Wilson Walton dipped 4p to 66p after some unfavourable words. RTZ lost 3p to 192p in front of figures and insurance broker C. E. Heath dropped 4p to 263p after news of a near £5m French acquisition.

London Sumatra ended the session little changed at 127½p but the shares dipped to 117p at one stage as investors, fearing that the bid would lapse, sold in the market. However, the shares bounced back as speculators came in at the lower price and at one point touched 130p.

Equity turnover on April 7 was £65.02m (11,322 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Granada, Spillers, ICI, Shell, BAT Dfd, Gus "A", Commercial Union, Glaxo, Letraset and Suits.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Ass Bisc Man (F)	198.2(173.36)	10.59(9.48)	16.0(13.8)	1.69(1.51)	—	3.19(2.83)
Benford Cncrt (F)	18.4(15.3)	3.84(3.43)	8.23(7.48)	1.95(1.14)	19/5	2.75(2.50)
Burgess Prod (I)	8.85(7.41)	0.34(0.06b)	—(—)	1.0(Nil)	—	—(1.0)
Chambrin Grp (F)	21.61(18.58)	2.01(1.96)	9.95(8.65)	1.83(1.37)	—	2.76(1.83)
Horace Cory (F)	2.58(1.86)	0.59(0.44)	3.81(2.91)	0.34(0.39)	24/5	0.67(0.59)
Crossly Bulldg (F)	16.15(15.95)	0.03b(0.82)	0.82b(6.26)	1.13(2.13)	—	4.13(4.13)
G. Dew (F)	15.5(16.7)	1.51(1.38)	15.73(19.50)	—(—)	—	—(—)
I. J. Dewhirst (F)	11.79(9.07)	1.05(0.91)	12.66(10.04)	1.16(1.03)	—	1.76(1.57)
Edinburgh Inv (F)	—(—)	4.14(3.63)	—(—)	3.55(—)	1/5	6.75(5.55)
Glaxo (I)	252.4(233.8)	40.3(39.4)	—(—)	4.5(4.0)	23/6	—(—)
Hewden-Stuart (F)	65.0(52.0)	4.95(3.5)	10.22(8.21)	0.86(0.75)	—	1.28(1.14)
Huntleigh Grp (F)	6.76(5.61)	0.72(0.87)	17.2(15.2)	1.18(—)	—	2.35(2.11)
IBM (F)	579.0(494.0)	110.0(87.0)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Kulim Mlysia (F)	—(—)	8.6a(6.6)	—(—)	13c(13c)	1/6	23c(23c)
Albert Martin (F)	18.12(13.1)	1.68(1.12)	23.45(23.71)	2.19(1.81)	—	3.69(2.67)
Triplevest (F)	—(—)	1.66(1.52)	—(—)	2.08(2.02)	30/4	4.39(3.93)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Dollars & Cents. b Loss. c In per cent.

Miln Marsters' shares suspended as Swedish group prepares bid

The Swedish group of Hilleshog is to make a takeover bid for Miln Marsters Group, the Norfolk-based plant breeder and seed specialist. This was revealed yesterday following the temporary suspension of Miln's quotation at the board's request.

Hilleshog, which already owns 25.4 per cent of Miln has agreed, subject to exchange control permission, to buy a further 312,750 ordinary shares, or 14.8 per cent, at 200p cash each.

Then it will make an offer for the rest on terms "no less favourable". An offer of 200p would value Miln's capital at about £4.22m.

Before the suspension, Miln's shares rose by 4p to 164p—almost at their 1977-78 "high".

The board, other than the representatives of Hilleshog, is consulting its adviser, S. G. Warburg. Meanwhile, ordinary shareholders are advised to take no action, pending a further announcement. The Hilleshog board, which is a subsidiary of A. B. Cardo, a major listed Swedish company, is being advised by N. M. Rothschild. In the year to May 31, 1977, Miln's pre-tax profits rose from £572,000 to £925,000.

Demand still weak at Expanded Metal

At Expandtd Metal, the chairman states that it is unlikely that there will be any early increase in demand from local authorities for the group's specialized building products, but the longer-term expectations are reasonable.

In steel stockholding also there is no near prospect of an increase in demand, but there are strong indications of some relief from the severe downward pressure on prices of the recent past. The board intends to press ahead strongly with the various forward-looking projects which together amount to a substantial investment in the future of the group.

Shipstone beats off Northern Foods

Northern Foods' forlorn battle to take over James Shipstone and Sons, the independent Nottingham-based brewery, has failed. Its offer has been accepted for only 175,027 ordinary shares, or about 4 per cent, and it has lapsed. Northern pointed out that Shipstone's shares were only 171p before the 300p bid. But at the end of March, the Shipstone board revealed a new valuation of properties, which gave each Shipstone ordinary a net asset backing of 519p each. Shipstone, which also has a strong "Real Ale" following, more than doubled the dividend and reported record profits, just for good measure.

C E Heath buys 80 pc of French company

C. E. Heath has agreed to buy 80 per cent of the capital of Groupe Sprinks. Sprinks underwrites direct and reinsurance business for a number of leading insurance companies based in Europe, Scandinavia, the United States and the Far East.

The price will be 13.94m francs (£1.63m) cash, and 1.17m ordinary shares, worth about £3.1m. Sprinks handles a premium income of about 370m francs. Heath's financial director, Mr Peter Dawson, said: "In terms of what we are paying I believe we have got a very satisfactory deal". The balance of the shares is held by the two general managers who wanted to retain their stakes in the company.

No upturn in sight at Morgan Edwards

In circular giving details of the proposed injection of new equity by Avonmiles—the Chairman of the Morgan Edwards, food group) says that management accounts for the period since October 15 have not been encouraging, and the improvement in trading for which the board had hoped has not yet materialized. He cannot make a reliable forecast of the outcome for the year to March 31, but warns that it is extremely unlikely that the board will be in a position to recommend a final dividend.

Going gets even tougher for Metall thanks largely to bad metal markets

International

Frankfurt. — Metallgesellschaft Ag's earnings in the first five months of the year to September 30 were even further below those for the corresponding period than expected, Herr Jakobus Greven, finance director, reported.

He told a press conference that the recent deterioration resulted above all from the impact of the dollar's fall on metal markets.

This year the director expected: continued good earnings in pant installation; but further losses in the metals and processing. The decisive factor here is the current slump in zinc which has led to "marked" losses for the group's smelters and mines, but nickel is also a problem.

Chemicals should be positive, and transport satisfactory.

Of the DM 6.93 billion domestic turnover in the past year, metal trading represented 41 per cent against 38 per cent, production an unchanged 41 per cent, and plant construction plus services 18 per cent against 21 per cent.

Plant construction was the biggest profit maker.

Harder going at News

Adelaide News Ltd said that difficult trading experienced in Australia since Christmas could have a dampening effect on profits in its second half year to June 30.

News earlier reported first-half profits of A$10.78m after tax against first half 1977's A$8.54m. The total 1976-77 profit was A$14.16m.

The second half is expected to reflect unfavourably severe UK industrial problems and both industrial and trading difficulties in New York.

However, News said that it still hoped that the New York Post can be built into a viable newspaper.

TransAmerica sale

Los Angeles.—TransAmerica Corporation has provisionally agreed to sell its United Artists Record operation to Mr Arthur Mogull, president of the record company, and Mr Jerry Rubinstein, former president of ABC records.

Terms of the proposed sale were not disclosed.

TransAmerica said that the sale of the record company will complete a plan whereby United Artists Corporation will concentrate its resources on its major businesses, film distribution and music publishing.—Reuter.

South Africa revalues gold

South Africa today revalues its gold reserves on the basis of $163.27 an ounce—a fourfold increase—which will increase gold and other foreign currency reserves to R1,700m from R634m, Finance Minister Mr Owen Horwood said yesterday.

He told Parliament in Cape Town that gold reserves will in future be evaluated at the end of each month at 10 per cent below the average of the previous 10 London gold bullion fixings.

South African gold mines will receive a boost in that they will now receive immediately current market prices, according to an agreed formula, while the Mozambique Convention is being dropped.

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…buying its stake …ships, in which …ionwide Transport as a 65 per cent interest. While the size of the interest falls within the foreign investment guidelines it is far from clear as to how Miller will be controlled.

Miller has been controlled by Bulkships and Ampol who pooled their holdings, despite the fact that Howard Smith had a 35 per cent stake. An attempt by ARCO to retain the same amount of control as exercised by Bulkships could raise problems under the foreign guidelines.

Miller last year produced two million tons of coal for the domestic and export markets.

Dreyfus to invest in bid targets

The Dreyfus Corporation, one of the three big United States management companies which presently manages assets of about $3,000m within the Dreyfus Group of funds has formed a new investment company: the Dreyfus Mergers and Acquisitions Fund.

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Confident forecast of £1m at Crossley

By Michael Clark

The slump appears to be over at Crossley Building Products and the directors are confidently forecasting that pre-tax profits in the current year will top £1m. So the shares rose 2p to 64p yesterday. In 1977, the group made a pre-tax loss of £34,000 compared with a profit of £823,000, while turnover pushed up from £15.95m to £16.15m. A loss a share of 0.82p compared with earnings of 6.26p, but the total dividend remains unchanged at 6.3p gross.

A breakdown of the group's activities show that profits in the merchanting side slid from £464,000 against £399,000 and in the manufacturing division they plummeted from £419,000 to £64,000. The story was much the same in the road haulage division. Here, profits shrank from £196,000 to £122,000.

The best ever performance was back in 1973, in the days of the housing boom when it achieved pre-tax profits of £1.3m.

A special provision of £420,000 has been made to cover actual and anticipated claims which have arisen in the current year and which are attributable to the failure of roofing tiles made during 1976.

The directors are now satisfied from internal investigation and quality control procedures as well as by tests carried out by independent bodies that tiles subsequently produced are sound and durable.

At the half-way stage the group had made a net loss of £87,000 against profits of £278,000, even though it had no tax to pay.

Turnover slipped from £8.2m to £7.59m and trading profits slumped to £340,000, only about a third of the previous year's figure. The board remained confident that Broomfleet, which represents Crossley's biggest ever single investment, would make a worthwhile return on investment given only slightly better conditions.

Floor space in the City lowest since July 1975

By Ray Maughan

Office space available in the City of London is now at its lowest since July 1975. The latest City Floorspace Survey compiled by estate agents, Richard Saunders & Partners, shows that space available last month dropped from 2.17m sq ft to 2.06m sq ft. Available space on the City fringes also fell from 2.85m sq ft to 2.73m.

The survey reveals that 517 units were available in March with the majority, 372 units, being built or modernised since 1950 without air conditioning. The number of offices which might be considered prime, that is within the central City area and constructed since 1950 with air-conditioning, is a mere 24 units or 282,742 sq ft.

Available space last month showed a sharp drop from the October-March monthly average of 2.61m sq ft in the central City area and 2.92m sq ft on the City fringe.

Activity in the City letting market fell last month with 233,321 sq ft either let or under offer. This compares with the very high 454,962 sq ft let in February and 295,323 sq ft as the October-March monthly average.

Lettings on the City fringe, on the other hand, climbed from the monthly average of 222,561 sq ft to 267,618 sq ft.

Again, the survey demonstrates the heavy weighting in the post-1950, non-air conditioned market which accounted for 31 of the 45 units let or under offer in March. Only six units, representing 44,581 sq ft, were let in the modern air-conditioned sector.

Cartwright continues to expand

The policy of diversification, started some eight years ago by R. Cartwright (Holdings) to limit its dependence on the building industry, is now becoming increasingly effective and the group is continuing to allocate "considerable capital" to those companies with growth potential—reports Mr J. C. Northam, Chairman, in his annual statements. Further extensive reorganization has been carried out during the year at L. and D. Installations.

The group has also introduced more machinery to improve its production flow. The Saturation point has almost been reached in the existing factory, and in order to keep faith with customers and cope with a growing order book they are already looking for larger premises.

Reappraisal of hardware production has continued, and results are now coming through in improved output figures

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)	Bid	Offer
Australia 7½ 1984	95¾	96½
Australia 8¾ 1992	94¾	95½
Aust Mining 9¾ 1992	98	98¾
Avco 9¾ 1983	99¾	100½
Avco 9¾ 1985	98½	99
Barclays 8½ 1992	97	97¾
Bowater 9¼ 1992	97½	98¼
British Gas 9 1981	101¼	102
Citicorp 6¾ 1980	97	97¾
Citicorp 7 1981	87	97¾
CECA 8¾ 1997	96	96¾
DSM 8¾ 1987	96	96¾
EIB 8¾ 1988	96½	97¼
EIB 8¾ 1993	93¾	96½
Eurofima 8¼ 1988	95¼	95¾
Fisons 8¾ 1992	92¾	93½
ICI 8½ 1987	97	97¾
INCO 8½ 1984	96½	97½
INCO 9 1992	96½	97¼
Bel 9¾ 1988	98¼	98¾
IU O/seas 8¾ 1987	96	96¾
Light-Services 9 1982	97¼	98
MacMillan Bloedel 9 1993	96¾	97
Midland Int 8¾ 1992	98¾	99
NCB 8 1987	94½	95¼
Nat West 9 1986	101	101¼
NZ Forest Prod 9 1986	98¾	99½
Norsk Hydro 7¾ 1982	97½	98¼
Occidental 8¾ 1983	97¾	98½
Occidental 8¾ 1987	97½	98¼
Offshore Mining 8¾ 1986	98¾	99¼
Rank Hovis 9 1992	93½	94
R. J. Reynolds 7¾ 1982	97¾	98¼
Shell 8½ 1990	96½	97¼
SNCF 8¾ 1984	98¾	99½
Sparbankernas 8¾ 1988	97½	98¼
Sweden 7¾ 1982	97¼	98
Sweden 8½ 1987	95½	96¼
Tauernautobahn 8¾ 1987	97¾	98½
Walter Kidde 8¾ 1986	97¼	98
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
Andelsbanken 7 11/16 1984	97½	98
CCF 7¾ 1983	98½	99½
IBJ 7 11/16 1982	99½	100¼
LTCB 7 15/16 1982	99¾	100¼
OKB 7¾ 1983	100	100½
Williams & Glyns 8¾ 1984	99¾	100¼
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Avco 9½ 1983	97¼	98
BM-RT 8¾ 1982	96½	96¾
Ford 8½ 1984	96¾	96¾
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	96¾	97
Rank 9½ 1982	98¾	99¾
Walter Heller 9½ 1984	98	98¾
DEUTSCHE MARKS		
CFP 6¾ 1.7.84	105	105¾
ICI 6¾ 1.6.87	105	105¾
New Zealand 6½ 1.6.84	106	106¾
Phryn 6¼ 1.9.89	102¾	103½
Quebec Hydro 6½ 16.8.87	102½	103¼
US $ CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¼ 1987	83	84½
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	95	95½
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	109½	111
Beecham 6¾ 1992	97	98
Borden 6¾ 1991	102½	104
Carnation 4 1988	76½	78
Chevron 5 1988	123½	125
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	87½	93
Fairchild Camera 5½ 1991	91½	93
Ford 5 1988	89	90½
Ford 6 1986	96½	98
General Electric 4¼ 1987	82	83½
Gillette 4¾ 1987	78	79½
Gould 5 1987	109½	111
Gulf & Western 5 1988	85½	87
Honeywell 6 1986	89	90½
ICI 6¾ 1987	86¼	87¼
INA 6 1997	96	97½
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	112½	113¼
ITT 4½ 1987	80	81½
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	154	156
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	143	145
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	93	94½
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	100	101½
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	77½	79
Revlon 4¾ 1987	105	106½
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	83	84½
Sperry Rand 4 1988	87	88½
Squibb 4¼ 1987	79½	81
Sumitomo Elec 6 1992	141	145
Texaco 4½ 1988	79	80½
Union Bank of Switzerland 4½ 1987	135	138
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	82	83½
Xerox Corp 5 1988	79½	81

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A summary of the Statement by Mr. Robert Henderson, Chairman of the parent company,
KLEINWORT, BENSON, LONSDALE LIMITED,
in the 1977 Report and Accounts.

Profit after tax was £7,479,000, compared with £6,542,000 in 1976. The total dividend of 4.1202p per share compares with 3.72241p last year. The overall results of the operating divisions and subsidiary companies have shown a healthy improvement.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING
Sterling lending has expanded satisfactorily, and elsewhere we have concentrated lending in our traditional areas of business by assisting customers with short-term finance, particularly for international trade. Medium-term lending has principally been in support of the syndication of major loans for the export of capital goods guaranteed by ECGD and for capital projects overseas. New domestic sterling acceptance business has been added.

CORPORATE FINANCE
The Division was consistently busy in the traditional areas of providing financial advice to corporate clients, money raising and acquisitions and mergers. The year was notable for the number of dollar issues, principally of European Depository receipts, managed for Japanese companies, and the Eurobond Dealing Department also had a profitable year.

INVESTMENT
The funds under management have increased and fee income has improved markedly. The United Kingdom and overseas funds which we manage have continued to perform well.

PROJECT FINANCE
The team has had an active year, and previous groundwork is producing results.

THE MIDDLE EAST
Many parts of the Group have considerably increased their activities in the Middle East, where our representation is strong. The circle of clients whom we advise on the deployment of their assets has widened, and we have assisted British and other companies in the structuring of joint ventures in the Arab World and Iran. Our project advisory services have been much in demand in the area.

BULLION
The year was again a satisfactory one for the bullion broking and precious metal fabricating activities of the Sharps Pixley Group, and profitability was in line with the previous year.

OVERSEAS SUBSIDIARIES
Among our overseas subsidiaries, those in Jersey and Guernsey continue to flourish and Kleinwort, Benson (Geneva) S.A. produced good profits in a highly competitive banking environment. The results of Kleinwort Benson McCowan Incorporated have exceeded expectations.

THE FUTURE
Although our Banking Division has made a good start to the year, by its very nature merchant banking does not lend itself to predictions about prospects. Success when it comes is often the result of new opportunities taken or created. With a broadly based business, an excellent management team, and a strong underlying capital base, I am confident that we are well equipped to continue this tradition.

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MARKET REPORTS

Wall Street

New York, April 10.—The New York Stock Exchange overcame profit-taking to close with a moderate gain.

The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 4.07 points to 773.65. Some 780 issues advanced with about 615 lower.

Volume totalled 25,740,000 shares, up from 25,160,000 shares Friday.

Silver closes 3.30c up

New York, April 10.—COMEX SILVER futures closed a quiet session 3.10 to 3.30 cents higher on light volume of 5,500 lots. April, 524.10c; May, 526.40c; June, 530.30c; July, 534.30c; Sept, 542.10c; Dec, 554.30c; Jan, 558.70c; March, 567.20c; May, 575.80c; July, 584.60c; Sept, 593.50c; Dec, 606.40c; Jan, 610.30c. Handy and Harman 532.80c (previous 521.80c). Handy and Harman of Canada Can$5.989 (previous Can$5.964).

GOLD. Futures were: NY COMEX.—April, $178.70; May, $179.50; June, $180.50; Aug, $182.90; Oct, $185.40; Dec, $187.90; Feb, $190.50; April, $193.30; June, $196.20; Aug, $199.10; Oct, $202.00; Dec, $205.00; Feb, $208.00. CHICAGO IMM.—June, $180.40-180.60; Sept, $184.40-184.00; Dec, $187.80-188.00; March, $191.70-192.00 bid; June, $195.50; Sept, $199.80 bid; Dec, $204.00.

COPPER. Futures closed steady between 10 and 20 points down.—April, 61.50c; May, 61.80c; June, 62.40c; July, 62.90c; Sept, 63.90c; Dec, 65.40c; Jan, 65.90c; March, 66.90c; May, 67.90c; July, 68.90c; Sept, 69.90c; Dec, 71.40c; Jan, 71.90c.

SUGAR. Futures in No 11 contract were: May, 7.99c; July, 8.28-29c; Sept, 8.53-54c; Oct, 8.65c; Jan, 8.85-95c; March, 9.40-41c; May, 9.65-69c; July, 9.82-85c; Sept, 10.05-01c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Futures were: SOYABEANS.—May, 708-06c; July, 692-96c; Aug, 677-77½c; Sept, 643-41c; Nov, 622-25c; Jan, 626-27c; March, 633c; May, 636½c. SOYABEAN OIL.—May, 26.00-25.90c; July, 25.05-25.00c; Aug, 24.30-35c; Sept, 23.50-55c; Oct, 22.60c; Dec, 22.25-15c; Jan, 22.05c; March, 22.05-10c; May, 21.90-95c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—May, $180.50-1.00; July, $183.00-3.20; Aug, $181.50; Sept, $175.50-6.50; Oct, $169.60-170.00; Dec, $169.50-17.00; Jan, $171.00; March, $171.00-5.00; May, $176.00-7.00.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT.—May, 332-31¾c; July, 332¼-32c; Sept, 336c; Dec, 339-39¼c; March, 45c; May, 345¼c. CORN.—May, 266-65¾c; July, 259¼-63c; Sept, 258¼-59¼c; Dec, 259¼-60c; March, 266¼c; May, 269¼c. OATS.—May, 146c; July, 152¼c; Sept, 155¼c; Dec, 160¾c.

COTTON.—Futures were: May, 56.30c; July, 57.60-67c; Oct, 59.49-57c; Dec, 60.49-54c; March, 61.75-80c; May, 62.30-45c; July, 62.70-90c.

COFFEE. Futures in "C" contract were: May, 173.75c; July, 154.00-40c; Sept, 137.50-75c; Dec, 123.50-3.00c; March, 113.00-8.00c; May, 110.00-4.00c; July, 114.00-6.00c; Sept, 110.00-4.00c.

COCOA. Futures were: May, 156.70c; July, 152.75c; Sept, 149.65c; Dec, 134.25c; March, 140.20c; May, 137.50c; July, 135.10c.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.8752 (1.8755); three months, 1.8740 (1.8745); Canadian dollar 87.35 (87.41).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 361.95. The futures index was 352.12.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 773.65 (769.58); transportation, 203.80 (208.02); utilities, 105.92 (105.95); 65 stocks, 270.73 (269.70).

Yesterday's Wall Street and Canadian closing prices will appear tomorrow. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	6½%
Barclays Bank	6½%
B.C.C.I. Bank	6½%
Consolidated Crdts	6½%
First London Secs	6½%
C. Hoare & Co.	*6½%
Lloyds Bank	6½%
London Mercantile	6½%
Midland Bank	6½%
Nat Westminster	6½%
Rossminster Acc's	6½%
TSB	6½%
Williams and Glyn's	6½%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 3%, up to £25,000 3½%, over £25,000 4¼%.

A month of increased activity and volatility in prices for silver

March was characterized by a resurgence of speculative interest in silver, which brought in its train a notable increase in the volume of activity and in the volatility in prices, say Samuel Montagu & Co in their monthly silver letter.

In the first few days of March the spot price continued to hover around the $5 level, the quotation on the 1st being 500.7c (256.9p). On the following day 498.5c (256.85p) was quoted, which proved to be the lowest price of the month.

The major upward movement began on the 7th when, after a London quotation of 507.6c (262.5p), a sharp rise occurred during the afternoon and in New York prices finished up the daily limit of 20 cents.

On the following day in London 532.1c (274.65p) was quoted and, after some consolidation between 522c and 530c, prices again surged forward to reach a peak of 547.9c, equivalent to 287.9p. This dollar quotation was the highest since May 20, 1974.

Three days later there was a sharp retreat and on the 21st, 517.0c (272.3p) was quoted. During the remainder of the month prices, although still volatile, displayed a firmer tendency and the final quotation was 534.5c (287.95p).

The progressive weakening of sterling, which during the month fell from $1.9450 to below $1.86, resulted in a more rapid rise in quotations against that currency and the quotation of 288p on the 28th was the highest since March 25, 1977.

The letter says that the regeneration of speculative interest occurred as a result of prices breaking conclusively through the area of resistance around $5 which had been an effective barrier during the last three years. This breakthrough encouraged a good deal of short covering as well as considerable new buying from chartists.

Although the initial surge in prices coincided with gold reaching its highest levels since the end of 1974, the subsequent setback in gold prices was not fully reflected in silver. Apart from the increase in speculative activity, the main feature of the month was a marked reduction in consumer demand.

On the United States futures exchanges activity was at a high level and on the 7th a volume of 39,224 contracts was recorded on the New York Commodity Exchange. In spite of the increased activity, open interest on this exchange has fallen from 241,774 contracts on February 28 to 232,448 on March 29 while warehouse stocks have increased from 72.3m ounces to 74.1m. On the Chicago Board of Trade, however, open interest has tended to increase while warehouse stocks have remained steady, standing at 62.4m ounces at March 29.

It is interesting to note, says the letter, that the firm tendency in prices has occurred at a time when such news as there has been would appear to be fundamentally rather bearish. The main item was the United States Bureau of Mines report that net industrial consumption of silver in America was only about 155m ounces in 1977, a figure some 5 per cent lower than any previous estimate.

During the month there were some developments on the question of the disposal of the United States strategic stockpile. On the 3rd the General Services Administration submitted legislation to Congress requesting authorization to dispose of 62.5m ounces.

Evidence that this Bill is likely to be vigorously opposed was not long in appearing and at hearings before the Senate Strategic Arms Services Committee, opposition was expressed by the American Mining Congress.

Subsequently on the twenty-third, the Senate sub-committee considered a Bill to authorize disposal of only 37.5 million ounces. Although apparently no date has yet been fixed for further discussion of this matter, says the letter, it does appear increasingly likely that some definite action may be taken this year.

In view of the increased involvement in silver recently by speculators, say Samuel Montagu, any developments on the stockpile question could lead to volatile short-term movements in prices. Nevertheless, in the absence of any significant fall in the price of gold, or firmness in the American dollar on currency markets, in the short term silver prices can probably be sustained around current levels.

Commodities

According to Reuter, world tin producing countries meeting in Jakarta, have agreed to make a collective representation to the United States over Congressional proposals to release 45,000 tonnes of tin from the American stockpile.

At the end of a two-day meeting, delegates of Bolivia, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia, Nigeria and Zaire agreed that confusion over the implications of proposed United States legislation on the release had a regrettable, damaging impact on the tin market.

Information on the proposals had been misconstrued and led to unwarranted speculation and the impact on the market had an undesirable effect on the tin industry, a statement from the group said.

"To alleviate this unjustified damage there is a need for urgent clarification by the United States government on the ramification and limitations of these legislative proposals, it added.

The delegates agreed that it was timely to convey their collective views to the United States government, the statement said.

Wallace Jackson
Commodities Editor

COPPER: Cash wire bars put on £10 and three months gained £10.50.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £709-09.50 a metric ton; three months, £724-24.50. Sales, 4,700 tons. Cash cathodes, £698.60-99.50; three months, £714-14.50. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £704.50-05.00; three months, £719.50-20.00. Settlement, £705. Sales, 5,300 tons. Cash cathodes, £695.50-96.00; three months, £711-11.50. Settlement, £696. Sales, 300 tons.

SILVER was steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 280.1p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 525.2); three months, 285p (534c); six months, 291.2p (544.5c); one year, 305p (568.3c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 280.3-80.5p; three months, 285.3-85.5p. Sales, 55 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 280.3-80.5p; three months, 285.4-85.6p. Settlement, 280.5p. Sales, 50 lots.

TIN was very firm, standard cash gaining £260 on three months putting on £230.—Afternoon: Standard cash, £6,050-60 a metric ton; three months, £6,060-70. Sales, 1,450 tons. High grade, cash, £6,050-60; three months, £6,060-70. Sales, nil tons. Morning: Standard cash, £5,955-65; three months, £5,960-70. Settlement, £5,965. Sales, 640 tons. High grade, cash, £5,955-65; three months, £5,960-70. Settlement, £5,965. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,541 a picul.

LEAD: Cash gained £6.25 and three months put on £5. Afternoon: Cash, £315-316 per metric ton; three months, £319.50-20.50. Sales, 1,550 tons. Morning: Cash, £313.50-14.00; three months, £318.50-19.00. Settlement, £314. Sales, 2,150 tons.

ZINC: Cash gained £6.75 and three months put on £6.—Afternoon.—Cash, £309.50-10.50 a metric ton; three months, £315.50-16.00. Sales, 1,450 tons. Morning.—Cash, £308.50-09.50; three months, £314.50-15.00. Settlement: £309.50. Sales: 1,100 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £116.25 ($218.25) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was quiet (pence per kilo).—May, 47-48; June, 47.50-48.40; July-Sept, 49.35-49.40; Oct-Dec, 51-51.05; Jan-March, 52.40-52.50; April-June, 53.95-54.05; July-Sept, 55.45-55.55; Oct-Dec, 56.90-57.00; Jan-March, 58.45-58.50. Sales: 85 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were steadier.—Spot, 47-49. Cifs, May, 49.25-49.75; June, 49.50-50.00.

COFFEE: Robustas were steadier; arabicas were dull.—ROBUSTAS (£ per metric ton): May, 1428-30; July, 1334-35; Sept, 1269-70; Nov, 1230-35; Jan, 1215-20; March, 1170-1220; May, 1170-1230. Sales: 1738 lots including 14 options. ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos): April, 204-06; June, 178.75-79.00; Aug, 167.10-68.95; Oct, 152.25-55.00; Dec, 139.42.75; Feb, 135.50-39.00; April, 128.34. Sales, 11 lots.

PALM OIL was dull.—April, £320-30 per metric ton; May, June, July and Aug, £300-30. Sept, £290-330; Oct, £290-33; Nov, £280-315; Dec, £280-310.

COCOA was steady.—May, £1948-50 per metric ton; July, £1916-17; Sept, £1884-86; Dec, £1830-31; March, £1765-70; May, £1725-40; July, £1670-1715. Sales, 1583 lots including 17 options. ICCO prices: daily, 158.21c; 15-day average, 159.02c; 22-day average, 157.23c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were quiet. The London daily price of "raws" was unchanged at £100; the "whites" price was £1.50 lower at £103.—May, £102.80-82.95 per metric ton; Oct, £110.95-1.110; Dec, £114.18-14.25; March, £120.60-20.70; May, £124-24.15; Aug, £127.25-37.63. Sales: 1,184 lots. ISA prices: 61c: 15-day average 7.6c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—April, £126-28.50; June, £124.20-24.50; Aug, £124.10-24.50; Oct, £119.18-20.50; Dec, £115.20-16.00; Feb, £115-18.00; April, £116-20.00. Sales: 94 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—May, 225-35; July, 230-32; Oct, £232-36; Dec, 234-37; March, 239-41; May, 239-43; July, 238-42; Oct, 243-47. Sales: 7 lots.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, afloat $485 per long ton, "D" grade, afloat $465. Calcutta was firm.—Indian, spot, Rs605 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs605.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: April-May, 1.95 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: April, first half May, £83.50; May, £85.25; June, £85 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: April, £105.75; May, £106.75; June, £106.40 trans-shipment east coast. South African yellow: May, £76.50 quoted.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was steady: May, £80.90; Sept, £89.55; Nov, £82.15; Jan, £84.75; March, £87.20. Sales: 118 lots.

WHEAT was steady: May, £92; Sept, £84.85; Nov, £87.55; Jan, £89.95; March, £92.40. Sales: 114 lots.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices.—

	Other milling WHEAT	feed WHEAT	feed BARLEY
E. Suffolk	—	£88	£78.90
NE Scotland	—	—	£74.50

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets for week-ending April 8.—GB: Cattle, 67.68p per kgl w (+0.12). UK: Sheep, 139.8p per kg est dcw (−0.5). GB: Pigs, 61.9p per kg lw (−0.1). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 32.5 per cent, average price 67.51p (−0.46). Sheep numbers up 23.0 per cent, average price 140.0 (−1.01). Pig numbers up 13.9 per cent, average price 61.8p (−0.1). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 6.9 per cent, average price 68.28p (+1.75). Sheep numbers down 0.7 per cent, average price 137.8p (−0.4). Pig numbers up 6.3 per cent, average price 64.5p (+0.4).

Prices for April 10.—GB: Cattle 67.29p per KGLW (−0.99). UK: Sheep 137.7p pe KG EST DCW (−1.4). GB: Pigs 62.1p per KG LW (+0.3). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 2.9 per cent, average price 67.26p (−1.09). Sheep numbers down 16.3 per cent, average price 140.4p (−1.2). Pig numbers down 12.1 per cent, average price 62.0p (+0.2). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 11.9 per cent, average pric 67.43p (−0.56). Sheep numbers down 19.0 per cent, average price 135.6p (−1.3). Pig numbers up 10.3 per cent, average price 65.8p (−0.1).

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
51	29	Airsprung Ord	48	—	4.2	8.8	8.9
155	106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	155	—	18.5	11.8	—
39	25	Armitage & Rhodes	35	—	3.3	9.4	14.9
153	105	Bardon Hill	152	—	12.0	7.8	10.5
113	51	Deborah Ord	113	—	5.1	4.5	9.1
228	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	225	—	17.5	7.7	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	135	—	12.4	9.1	5.3
148	135	George Blair	147	—	15.0	10.2	5.9
58	36	Jackson Group	47	—	5.0	10.6	5.5
114	55	James Burrough	101	—	6.0	5.9	9.2
340	188	Robert Jenkins	315	—	26.7	8.4	5.3
24	9	Twinlock Ord	17	—	—	—	—
82	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	82	—	12.0	14.6	—
81	54	Unilock Holdings	75	—	7.0	9.3	9.3
101	67	Walter Alexander	101	—	6.4	6.3	7.5

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT

PROSPICIO

The 140th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS of THE SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INSTITUTION will be held on TUESDAY 9th May, 1978 at 2.45 p.m. in the HEAD OFFICE, 6 ST. ANDREW SQUARE, EDINBURGH EH2 2YA

In addition to the Statement of Business for 1977, the results of the statutory investigation for the triennial period ended 31st December, 1977 will be reported.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from this address.

J. M. MACHARG
General Manager and Actuary

6 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh.
11th April, 1978.

SCOTTISH AMICABLE

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the One Hundred and Fifty-second Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held in 150 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5NQ, on Wednesday, 12th April 1978 at 3.00 p.m.

By Order of the Directors.
W. PROUDFOOT
General Manager and Actuary
150 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5NQ.
10th March, 1978.

Foreign Exchange

Trading was slow on foreign exchanges yesterday pending important economic statements today on both sides of the Atlantic. The dollar closed generally easier to Continental currencies.

Sterling attracted little interest in front of today's Budget. The pound closed 20 points better in terms of the dollar at $1.8765. The effective exchange rate index held at 62.2 throughout, unchanged from Friday.

German marks firmed from 2.0160 to 2.0075 against the dollar, while Swiss francs rose from 1.8680 to 1.8525. French francs eased from 4.5425 to 4.5475, but Dutch guilders, weaker initially on the OECD forecast for Holland's balance of payments surplus in 1978, finally strengthened from 2.1500 to 2.1450. The Japanese yen eased from 219.40 to 219.75.

Gold lost $0.50 an ounce to close in London at $178.875.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) April 10	Market rates (close) April 10
New York	$1.8715-8780	$1.8760-8770
Montreal	$2.1400-1455	$2.1445-1455
Amsterdam	4.01½-06fl	4.02¾-03¾fl
Brussels	58.70-89.25f	58.75-85f
Copenhagen	10.40-47k	10.41-42k
Frankfurt	3.76-80¼m	3.76½-77¼m
Lisbon	76.50-77.50e	76.80-77.20e
Madrid	149.25-75p	149.35-45p
Milan	1,594-1,600lr	1,598-97lr
Oslo	9.91-10.01k	9.92¾-93¾k
Paris	8.51½-57½f	8.53¾-54¾f
Stockholm	8.55-60k	8.56¾-58¾k
Tokyo	408-18y	412-14y
Vienna	27.10-35sch	27.10-20sch
Zurich	3.47-53f	3.47¾-48¾f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, was 62.2 unchanged.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.02-.12c disc	.15-.05c prem
Montreal	.05-.15c disc	.20-.30c disc
Amsterdam	1c prem-par	3-2c prem
Brussels	10c prem-par	35-25c prem
Copenhagen	5¼-7¾ore disc	16¼-18¾ore disc
Frankfurt	1¼-¼pf prem	4¼-3¼pf prem
Lisbon	80-170c disc	330-560c disc
Madrid	par-80c disc	120-200c disc
Milan	7-13lr disc	19-26lr disc
Oslo	7¼-8¾ore disc	16¼-18¾ore disc
Paris	1-2c disc	3-4c disc
Stockholm	1½-3½ore disc	4¼-6¼ore disc
Vienna	3gro prem-7gro disc	par-10gro disc
Zurich	2¼-1¼c prem	6¼-5¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $87.45-49.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6¼-7; seven days, 6¼-7; one month, 7¼-7¼; three months, 7¼-7½; six months, 7½-7¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $178¾-179¼ (an ounce); pm, $178½-179¼.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $183¾-185¼ (£98-99); resident, $184¼-186¼ (£98½-99½).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $55-57 (£29¼-29¾); resident, $55¾-57¾ (£29½-30½).

LME metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes except silver) were: copper down 1,875 to 573,350; tin down 460 to 3,355; lead down 50 to 63,225; zinc up 300 to 60,650; silver up 1,000,000 to 19,250,000 troy ounces.

Discount market

In spite of a shortage of funds yesterday that brought the authorities into the market with help on an exceptionally large scale, the discount houses were not paying up for fresh money. Rates up to 5¼ per cent were heard early in the day, but most houses jibbed at anything more than 5 per cent and by mid-morning were able to find balances at rates in the range of 4½ to 4 per cent.

By midday, the Bank of England had started buying bills to put the houses in money, and eventually the authorities took out an exceptionally large amount of Treasury bills augmented by a small number of local authority bills. At the same time, houses were able to attract funds on a steadily declining rate until closing balances were taken at levels down to 3 per cent overall. The help appeared to be only slightly overdone.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 6½%
(Last changed 6/1/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 6½%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 5¼ Low 3
Week Fixed: 4¾-5¼

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	5⅞	2 months	5⅞
3 months	5⅞	3 months	5⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	6⅞-6⅝	3 months	7¼
3 months	7-6⅞	4 months	7½
4 months	7¼-7⅛	6 months	7¾
6 months	7⅜-7¼		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	6¾-6½	7 months	7¼-6¾
2 months	6¾-6½	8 months	7¼-6¾
3 months	7-6½	9 months	8¼-8
4 months	7-6½	10 months	8¼-8
5 months	7¼-6¾	11 months	8¼-8
6 months	7¼-6¾	12 months	8¼-8¼

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	6¾-6¾	6 months	7¾-7⅝
3 months	7⅛-7⅛	12 months	8⅛-7¾

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	5½	3 months	7
7 days	6¼	6 months	7¼
1 month	6¼	1 year	8¼

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 5¼ Close 3

1 week	5¼-5½	6 months	8-7¾
1 month	6½-6¼	9 months	8¼-8
3 months	7⅛-7¼	12 months	8½-8¼

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 7¼ 6 months 8½

Finance House Base Rate 7%

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Automated Sec 8% Cnv Pf (£1)	143
Kensington Chel 11¾% 85-7 (£100)	£100¾-¼
Do Variable 1983 (£100)	£100⅜
Mid Sussex Wtr 7% 1983 (*)	£102
Pearson S. 10½% Ptly Cnv 1993-98	£98
Saga Holidays 20p Ord (105)	121
Tameside 10¾% 1984-88 (£99¼)	£99¾-¼
Do Variable 1983 (£99¼)	£100
York Wtr 11% 1986 (£98c)	£25

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Com Bnk Aust ($A1.75)	Mar 10	130

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. + Issued by tender. ; Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g $A1 paid. h £35 paid. i £45 paid. j £80 paid.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

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Insurance Bonds and Funds

[illegible]

Offshore and International Funds

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* Ex dividend. * Not available to public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Offer price. x Ex all. c Dealings suspended. d Divided. f Cash value for £100 premium. g Bonus. h Estimated yield. k Yield before tax. p Periodic premium. s Single premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Apr 18. (9) Apr 18. (10) Apr 20. (11) Apr 19. (18) Apr 25. (18) May 10. (20) … (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) … Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. … Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd … month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. … Wednesday of month. (29) Last … month. (29) 3rd working day of month. … month. (31) 1st working day of month. … month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug … Last working day of month. (35) 15th … 14th of month. (37) 21st of each … Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd … month. (40) Valued monthly.

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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, April 3. Dealings End, April 14. § Contango Day, April 17. Settlement Day, April 25.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	120	-2	9.2	9.3	7.4
42	25	AC Cars	38		1.4	3.8	8.0
98	39½	AGB Research	98	+1	5.2n	5.2	10.3
225½	134	APV Hldgs	200	+5	8.7	4.3	7.4
73	43	Aaronson Bros	63		3.0	4.7	5.0
131	92	Abbey	121		5.6	3.3	13.5
98	32	Do A	84		3.6	4.3	8.6
41	12	Abbs Ind	33		0.8	2.7	
282	120	Advance Group	244		15.2	6.2	6.7
63	34	Aaron's & Gen	39		3.5	5.9	10.5
62	42	Airfix Ind	48	-1	4.6	9.5	8.3
131	79	Albright & W	119		7.0	6.4	7.2
96	69	Alcan 10½% Cnv	£96½		10.0	11.7	
102	71	Do 9% Cnv	£102			9.0	8.9
380	305	Algemene Inst	365			19.7	8.9	10.5
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	57		6.6	11.5	
98½	35½	Allen W. G.	98		4.3	10.7	6.5
180½	64½	Allied Colloids	83		3.4	3.8	17.1
96	43	Allied Insulators	64	-2	6.3	9.3	5.0
17	7½	Allied Plant	16	-½	1.1	6.7	9.5
65	19	Alpine Hldgs	47½	-½	2.5	5.2	28.4
288	220	Amal Metal	288		21.5	7.2	8.9
138	57½	Amal Power	111	-4	8.0	7.3	6.2
41	21	Amber Day	35½		3.0	8.5	5.2
37	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	37		0.9n	2.5	4.1
72	43	Amber Chem	62	+2	5.0	8.0	6.9
71	36	Ass Fisheries	48		4.6	10.1	4.3
92	39	Ass Leisure	92	+½	3.3	3.2	8.7
196	121	Ass News	148		8.1	5.9	9.3
57	20	Ass Paper	48½		4.8	9.4	5.7
264	153	Ass Port Cement	241		13.1	5.4	7.9
119	69½	Ass Tel 'A'	113		9.9	8.8	7.5
28	22	Ass Tooling	25		3.5n	13.3	9.6
73	67½	Braithwaite	158	-1	6.1	4.4	3.9
126	44½	Brammer H.	125	+1	6.4	5.1	7.8
53	36	Brenner	50	+1	9.8	11.6	10.1
287	90	Brent Chem Int	207		4.7	2.3	13.7
95	25	Brent Walker	48½		1.7n	3.5	22.6
37	22	Brickhouse Dud	37		3.3	9.0	7.3
94	68	Bridon	85		9.3	8.2	9.1
67½	27½	Bright J. Grp	34		3.7	10.8	8.1
53	29	Brit Car Auctns	43		3.0	7.0	10.8
127	70	Brit Home Sts	125		8.9	6.8	15.6
28	20	Brit Leyland	25	+2			
80	30	Brit Northrop	56			3.4	
49½	31	Brit Printing	49		4.8	9.8	4.4
90	50	Brit Sim Spec	77		7.2	9.3	8.0
132½	69½	Brit Sugar	112	-2	7.3	6.4	2.6
70½	36½	Brit Syphon Ind	61½		4.6	7.4	6.6
61	29½	Brit Tar Prod	60	-1	2.1	3.4	10.6
90	44	Brit Vita	81		3.2	4.0	7.9
30	13½	Brittains	24		2.3	9.5	5.9
64	44	Brockhouse Ltd	57½		6.5	9.5	9.5
56	41	Brooks Grp	70		5.1	7.3	12.3
215	165	Brokes Hill	200	+5	10.3	5.2	15.0
40	30	Bronx Eng	31	-1	4.7	15.2	
71	39	Brook St Bur	67		6.4	9.5	17.6
58	38	Brooke Bond	48½	-½	4.3	8.9	6.0
28	11	Brooke Tool	25		1.5	5.4	5.1
155	49	Brotherhood P.	135		5.8	5.5	4.8
100	74	Brown & Tawse	91		6.8	7.5	5.9
58	19	BSR	48	+3	2.7	5.6	11.4
24	12	Brown Bros Cp	23½		1.6	6.9	12.5
200	98	Brown J.	200	+2	13.2n	4.4	4.9
124	85	Brunton	104	-6	10.6	10.2	9.3
57	37	Bryant Hldgs	52	-1	3.6	6.8	10.9
142	88	Bullough Ltd	142		9.3	6.6	4.8
48	28	Bulmer B. Lumb	45		4.8	10.6	4.4
120	87	Bunzl Pulp	120		7.4	6.2	7.4
65	35	Burco Dean	65		4.0	7.7	4.9
60	22	Burgess Prod	40	+2	3.5	8.8	6.3
184	84	Burnett H'shire	156		4.1	2.6	7.4
83	53	Do A NV	156		4.1	2.6	7.6
39½	16	Burns And'son	39	-½	2.3	5.8	5.7
74	9	Burrell & Co	13½	-1	1.4	10.4	7.0
185	130	Burt Boulton	185		15.3	8.2	8.3
142	51	Burton Grp	123		2.3	1.8	
130	39	Do A	117	+1	2.3	1.9	
68	42	Bury & Masco	62	-½	7.2	7.8	7.8
69	38	Butterfield-Harvy	67	+2	3.4n	8.0	9.1

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34	14½	CH. Industrials	33½	-½	3.0	9.3	8.7
39½	25½	Cadbury Sch	35½	-½	6.7	18.6	7.5
110	79	Caffyns	105	-1	6.7	6.3	7.4
69	48	C'brand Robey	52		2.3	4.4	14.5
133	80	Campari	129	+1	3.8	2.8	5.6
121	64	Do B	99				
82	45½	Camrex Hldgs	68	-1	3.6	5.3	5.7
67	34	Canning W.	63	+½	5.5	8.5	5.7
136	97	Cape Ind	128	+2	12.4	9.6	9.2
72	39	Caplan Profile	61		3.7	6.1	5.2
90	33½	Capper Neill	58	-1	3.2	5.5	6.7
73	45	Caravans Int	54½	-½	7.0	8.3	5.3
84	36	Carclo Eng	64		4.5	7.1	9.0
62	39	Carless Capel	39		1.3	4.4	7.7
157	44	Carlton Ind	157		6.1	5.2	7.3
53	44	Carpets Int	44	+2	6.1	13.8	6.6
54	35	Ass Book	188	-2	6.1	3.2	6.5
76½	48	Ass Brit Food	67		3.3	5.4	6.3
142	91	Ass Engineer	115	-1	7.1	6.2	6.0
215	168	Ass Fisheries	48		4.6	10.1	4.3
73	43	Ass Leisure	62	+½	3.3	5.2	8.7
196	121	Ass News	148		8.1	5.9	9.3
57	20	Ass Paper	48½		4.8	9.4	5.7
264	153	Ass Port Cement	241		13.1	5.4	7.9
119	69½	Ass Tel 'A'	113		9.9	8.8	7.5
28	22	Ass Tooling	25		3.5n	13.3	9.6
73	67½	Braithwaite	158	-1	6.1	4.4	3.9
126	44½	Brammer H.	125	+1	6.4	5.1	7.8
53	36	Brenner	50	+1	9.8	11.6	10.1
287	90	Brent Chem Int	207		4.7	2.3	13.7
95	25	Brent Walker	48½		1.7n	3.5	22.6
37	22	Brickhouse Dud	37		3.3	9.0	7.3
94	68	Bridon	85		9.3	8.2	9.1
67½	27½	Bright J. Grp	34		3.7	10.8	8.1
53	29	Brit Car Auctns	43		3.0	7.0	10.8
127	70	Brit Home Sts	125		8.9	6.8	15.6
28	20	Brit Leyland	25	+2			
80	30	Brit Northrop	56			3.4	
49½	31	Brit Printing	49		4.8	9.8	4.4
90	50	Brit Sim Spec	77		7.2	9.3	8.0
132½	69½	Brit Sugar	112	-2	7.3	6.4	2.6
70½	36½	Brit Syphon Ind	61½		4.6	7.4	6.6
61	29½	Brit Tar Prod	60	-1	2.1	3.4	10.6
90	44	Brit Vita	81		3.2	4.0	7.9
30	13½	Brittains	24		2.3	9.5	5.9
64	44	Brockhouse Ltd	57½		6.5	9.5	9.5
56	41	Brooks Grp	70		5.1	7.3	12.3
215	165	Brokes Hill	200	+5	10.3	5.2	15.0
40	30	Bronx Eng	31	-1	4.7	15.2	
71	39	Brook St Bur	67		6.4	9.5	17.6
58	38	Brooke Bond	48½	-½	4.3	8.9	6.0
28	11	Brooke Tool	25		1.5	5.4	5.1
155	49	Brotherhood P.	135		5.8	5.5	4.8
100	74	Brown & Tawse	91		6.8	7.5	5.9
58	19	BSR	48	+3	2.7	5.6	11.4
24	12	Brown Bros Cp	23½		1.6	6.9	12.5
200	98	Brown J.	200	+2	13.2n	4.4	4.9
124	85	Brunton	104	-6	10.6	10.2	9.3
57	37	Bryant Hldgs	52	-1	3.6	6.8	10.9
142	88	Bullough Ltd	142		9.3	6.6	4.8
48	28	Bulmer B. Lumb	45		4.8	10.6	4.4
120	87	Bunzl Pulp	120		7.4	6.2	7.4
65	35	Burco Dean	65		4.0	7.7	4.9
60	22	Burgess Prod	40	+2	3.5	8.8	6.3
184	84	Burnett H'shire	156		4.1	2.6	7.4
83	53	Do A NV	156		4.1	2.6	7.6
39½	16	Burns And'son	39	-½	2.3	5.8	5.7
74	9	Burrell & Co	13½	-1	1.4	10.4	7.0
185	130	Burt Boulton	185		15.3	8.2	8.3
142	51	Burton Grp	123		2.3	1.8	
130	39	Do A	117	+1	2.3	1.9	
68	42	Bury & Masco	62	-½	7.2	7.8	7.8
69	38	Butterfield-Harvy	67	+2	3.4n	8.0	9.1

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34	14½	CH. Industrials	33½	-½	3.0	9.3	8.7
39½	25½	Cadbury Sch	35½	-½	6.7	18.6	7.5
110	79	Caffyns	105	-1	6.7	6.3	7.4
69	48	C'brand Robey	52		2.3	4.4	14.5
133	80	Campari	129	+1	3.8	2.8	5.6
121	64	Do B	99				
82	45½	Camrex Hldgs	68	-1	3.6	5.3	5.7
67	34	Canning W.	63	+½	5.5	8.5	5.7
136	97	Cape Ind	128	+2	12.4	9.6	9.2
72	39	Caplan Profile	61		3.7	6.1	5.2
90	33½	Capper Neill	58	-1	3.2	5.5	6.7
73	45	Caravans Int	54	-½	7.0	8.3	5.3
84	36	Carclo Eng	64		4.5	7.1	9.0
62	39	Carless Capel	39		1.3	4.4	7.7
157	44	Carlton Ind	157		6.1	5.2	7.3
53	44	Carpets Int	44	+2	6.1	13.8	6.6
54	35	Ass Book	188	-2	6.1	3.2	6.5
76½	48	Ass Brit Food	67		3.3	5.4	6.3
142	91	Ass Engineer	115	-1	7.1	6.2	6.0
215	168	Ass Fisheries	48		4.6	10.1	4.3
73	43	Ass Leisure	62	+½	3.3	5.2	8.7
196	121	Ass News	148		8.1	5.9	9.3
57	20	Ass Paper	48½		4.8	9.4	5.7
264	153	Ass Port Cement	241		13.1	5.4	7.9
119	69½	Ass Tel 'A'	113		9.9	8.8	7.5
28	22	Ass Tooling	25		3.5n	13.3	9.6
73	67½	Braithwaite	158	-1	6.1	4.4	3.9
126	44½	Brammer H.	125	+1	6.4	5.1	7.8
53	36	Brenner	50	+1	9.8	11.6	10.1
287	90	Brent Chem Int	207		4.7	2.3	13.7
95	25	Brent Walker	48½		1.7n	3.5	22.6
37	22	Brickhouse Dud	37		3.3	9.0	7.3
94	68	Bridon	85		9.3	8.2	9.1
67½	27½	Bright J. Grp	34		3.7	10.8	8.1
53	29	Brit Car Auctns	43		3.0	7.0	10.8
127	70	Brit Home Sts	125		8.9	6.8	15.6
28	20	Brit Leyland	25	+2			
80	30	Brit Northrop	56			3.4	
49½	31	Brit Printing	49		4.8	9.8	4.4
90	50	Brit Sim Spec	77		7.2	9.3	8.0
132½	69½	Brit Sugar	112	-2	7.3	6.4	2.6
70½	36½	Brit Syphon Ind	61½		4.6	7.4	6.6
61	29½	Brit Tar Prod	60	-1	2.1	3.4	10.6
90	44	Brit Vita	81		3.2	4.0	7.9
30	13½	Brittains	24		2.3	9.5	5.9
64	44	Brockhouse Ltd	57½		6.5	9.5	9.5
56	41	Brooks Grp	70		5.1	7.3	12.3
215	165	Brokes Hill	200	+5	10.3	5.2	15.0
40	30	Bronx Eng	31	-1	4.7	15.2	
71	39	Brook St Bur	67		6.4	9.5	17.6
58	38	Brooke Bond	48½	-½	4.3	8.9	6.0
28	11	Brooke Tool	25		1.5	5.4	5.1
155	49	Brotherhood P.	135		5.8	5.5	4.8
100	74	Brown & Tawse	91		6.8	7.5	5.9
58	19	BSR	48	+3	2.7	5.6	11.4
24	12	Brown Bros Cp	23½		1.6	6.9	12.5
200	98	Brown J.	200	+2	13.2n	4.4	4.9
124	85	Brunton	104	-6	10.6	10.2	9.3
57	37	Bryant Hldgs	52	-1	3.6	6.8	10.9
142	88	Bullough Ltd	142		9.3	6.6	4.8
48	28	Bulmer B. Lumb	45		4.8	10.6	4.4
120	87	Bunzl Pulp	120		7.4	6.2	7.4
65	35	Burco Dean	65		4.0	7.7	4.9
60	22	Burgess Prod	40	+2	3.5	8.8	6.3
184	84	Burnett H'shire	156		4.1	2.6	7.4
83	53	Do A NV	156		4.1	2.6	7.6
39½	16	Burns And'son	39	-½	2.3	5.8	5.7
74	9	Burrell & Co	13½	-1	1.4	10.4	7.0
185	130	Burt Boulton	185		15.3	8.2	8.3
142	51	Burton Grp	123		2.3	1.8	
130	39	Do A	117	+1	2.3	1.9	
68	42	Bury & Masco	62	-½	7.2	7.8	7.8
69	38	Butterfield-Harvy	67	+2	3.4n	8.0	9.1

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34	14½	CH. Industrials	33½	-½	3.0	9.3	8.7
39½	25½	Cadbury Sch	35½	-½	6.7	18.6	7.5
110	79	Caffyns	105	-1	6.7	6.3	7.4
69	48	C'brand Robey	52		2.3	4.4	14.5
133	80	Campari	129	+1	3.8	2.8	5.6
121	64	Do B	99				
82	45½	Camrex Hldgs	68	-1	3.6	5.3	5.7
67	34	Canning W.	63	+½	5.5	8.5	5.7
136	97	Cape Ind	128	+2	12.4	9.6	9.2
72	39	Caplan Profile	61		3.7	6.1	5.2
90	33½	Capper Neill	58	-1	3.2	5.5	6.7
73	45	Caravans Int	54	-½	7.0	8.3	5.3
84	36	Carclo Eng	64		4.5	7.1	9.0
62	39	Carless Capel	39		1.3	4.4	7.7
157	44	Carlton Ind	157		6.1	5.2	7.3
53	44	Carpets Int	44	+2	6.1	13.8	6.6
54	35	Ass Book	188	-2	6.1	3.2	6.5
76½	48	Ass Brit Food	67		3.3	5.4	6.3
142	91	Ass Engineer	115	-1	7.1	6.2	6.0
215	168	Ass Fisheries	48		4.6	10.1	4.3
73	43	Ass Leisure	62	+½	3.3	5.2	8.7
196	121	Ass News	148		8.1	5.9	9.3
57	20	Ass Paper	48½		4.8	9.4	5.7
264	153	Ass Port Cement	241		13.1	5.4	7.9
119	69½	Ass Tel 'A'	113		9.9	8.8	7.5
28	22	Ass Tooling	25		3.5n	13.3	9.6
73	67½	Braithwaite	158	-1	6.1	4.4	3.9
126	44½	Brammer H.	125	+1	6.4	5.1	7.8
53	36	Brenner	50	+1	9.8	11.6	10.1
287	90	Brent Chem Int	207		4.7	2.3	13.7
95	25	Brent Walker	48½		1.7n	3.5	22.6
37	22	Brickhouse Dud	37		3.3	9.0	7.3
94	68	Bridon	85		9.3	8.2	9.1
67½	27½	Bright J. Grp	34		3.7	10.8	8.1
53	29	Brit Car Auctns	43		3.0	7.0	10.8
127	70	Brit Home Sts	125		8.9	6.8	15.6
28	20	Brit Leyland	25	+2			
80	30	Brit Northrop	56			3.4	
49½	31	Brit Printing	49		4.8	9.8	4.4
90	50	Brit Sim Spec	77		7.2	9.3	8.0
132½	69½	Brit Sugar	112	-2	7.3	6.4	2.6
70½	36½	Brit Syphon Ind	61½		4.6	7.4	6.6
61	29½	Brit Tar Prod	60	-1	2.1	3.4	10.6
90	44	Brit Vita	81		3.2	4.0	7.9
30	13½	Brittains	24		2.3	9.5	5.9
64	44	Brockhouse Ltd	57½		6.5	9.5	9.5
56	41	Brooks Grp	70		5.1	7.3	12.3
215	165	Brokes Hill	200	+5	10.3	5.2	15.0
40	30	Bronx Eng	31	-1	4.7	15.2	
71	39	Brook St Bur	67		6.4	9.5	17.6
58	38	Brooke Bond	48½	-½	4.3	8.9	6.0
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100	74	Brown & Tawse	91		6.8	7.5	5.9
58	19	BSR	48	+3	2.7	5.6	11.4
24	12	Brown Bros Cp	23½		1.6	6.9	12.5
200	98	Brown J.	200	+2	13.2n	4.4	4.9
124	85	Brunton	104	-6	10.6	10.2	9.3
57	37	Bryant Hldgs	52	-1	3.6	6.8	10.9
142	88	Bullough Ltd	142		9.3	6.6	4.8
48	28	Bulmer B. Lumb	45		4.8	10.6	4.4
120	87	Bunzl Pulp	120		7.4	6.2	7.4
65	35	Burco Dean	65		4.0	7.7	4.9
60	22	Burgess Prod	40	+2	3.5	8.8	6.3
184	84	Burnett H'shire	156		4.1	2.6	7.4
83	53	Do A NV	156		4.1	2.6	7.6
39½	16	Burns And'son	39	-½	2.3	5.8	5.7
74	9	Burrell & Co	13½	-1	1.4	10.4	7.0
185	130	Burt Boulton	185		15.3	8.2	8.3
142	51	Burton Grp	123		2.3	1.8	
130	39	Do A	117	+1	2.3	1.9	
68	42	Bury & Masco	62	-½	7.2	7.8	7.8
69	38	Butterfield-Harvy	67	+2	3.4n	8.0	9.1

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115	82	FMC	68		3.9	5.7	3.4
28	7	FPA Cons	23½		1.7	7.2	10.4
82	44	Fairbairn L'en	83	-1	5.5	10.4	6.2
78	37½	Fairclough Cons	67		3.5	5.2	7.5
78	37	Fairview Est	70	+2	5.9	8.4	6.1
59	29	Farmer S.W.	115		7.7	6.7	
76	62	Dirons Photo	130	+1	3.4	2.3	7.3
59	29	Dean & Co	32	+2	6.9	21.6	7.2
82	41	Dobson Park	82	+1	3.9	3.9	8.5
67	41	Do Hldgs	67	+1	4.6	6.8	7.5
105	48½	Douglas R. M.	67		4.8	5.5	6.1
24	17	Dow'd & Mills	23½		1.6	6.9	10.8
250	165	Downing C. H.	208		16.5	7.9	4.5
181	93	Dowty Grp	177	-4	8.7	3.8	11.3
57	15½	Drake & Scull	27			4.1	
50	28	Dreamland Elec	40		2.5	8.8	12.6
83	44	Droda Int	47	-1	2.3	7.8	8.7
45	32	Drouyn Hldgs	35		2.5	10.6	11.7
39	23	Dripper T.	39		1.3	3.3	
148	94	Crosby Hse	137		3.0	4.7	5.0
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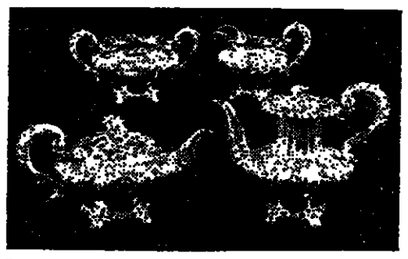

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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of BENTLEY & SON Limited Nature of Business: Investment

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CREDITORS 24th April 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 2.00 o'clock

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WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 27th February 1978

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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SAUNTON SECURITIES T/A SAUNTON SALES COMPANY AND EALING FREEZER CENTRE Limited. Nature of Business: Freezer cabinet retailer and sales agency business.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th March 1978.

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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of MODERN TRANSFORMERS Limited. Nature of Business: Rubber Compositions

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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of APPLE STAPLE BUREAU Limited. Nature of Business: Secretarial Services.

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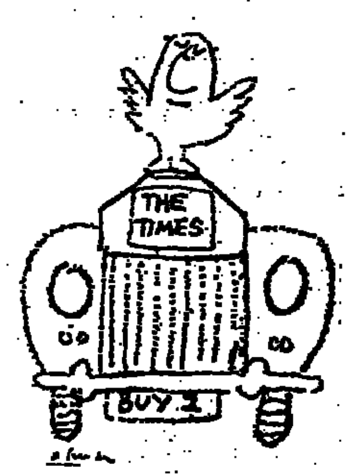

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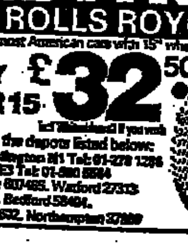

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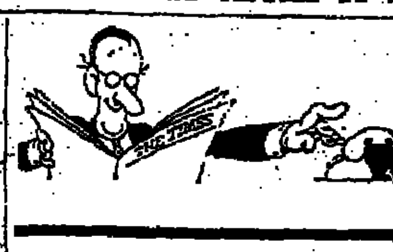

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... : The Finest Hours ... Show case. 12.00, ... pm, Anglia News. ... 2.30, Emmerdale ... ames. 5.15, Survival ... News. 6.00, About ... ATV. 7.00, Challenge ... 7.30, Get Some In. ... 11.25, Quincy. ... tians in Action.

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... Good Word. 9.30, ... Film: I'm All Right ... Carmichael. 11.20, ... rs. 11.45, Thames. ... First News. 1.30. ... The Brady Bunch ... 5.15, Friends of ... ews. 6.00, Northern ... 7.30, Get Some In. ... 11.25, Police Sur... pilogue.

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BBC 2
6.40 am, Open University: Bi-Variate Normal Distribution; 7.05, Nutrition Feeding and Digestion in Animals; 7.30-7.55. Solving Linear Equations. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 2.15 pm, Other People's Children. 2.30-2.55, Having a Baby. 3.55, Play School. 4.20, Dastardly and Muttley. 4.30, Take Hart. 4.50, Paddington. 4.55, Open University: Psychology; 5.20, Control in the Community; 5.45, The Residential Worker (1); 6.10, Looking at Napoleon
6.35, The Periodic table.
7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 On the Rocks.
7.30 *Newsday.*
8.05 The Event Horse: documentary.
9.00 Rhoda (new series), with Valerie Harper.
9.25 The Man Alive Report: Body Beautiful.
10.15 Poems and Pints.
10.40 News.
10.50 The Budget: The Chancellor of the Exchequer.
11.00 The Old Grey Whistle Test, with Bryn Haworth.
11.40-11.50, Jill Balcon reads "Brumana", by James Elroy Flecker.

HTV
10.00 am, Film: The Ghost Goes West, with Robert Donat.* 11.20, The Entertainers: Rokotto. 11.45, Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Southern. 2.30, Gallon and Simpson Playhouse. 3.00, Thames. 5.15, Ten Times Empty. 5.45, News. 6.00, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, Granada. 8.00, Thames. 11.25-12.20 am, Police Woman.
HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm: Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 6.00-6.15, Y Dydd. 7.00, Sweet and Soothing. 7.15-8.00, The Cerro Torre Enigma. 10.40-11.10, Yn Ddog Oed.* 11.40-12.25 am, Celebrity Squares.
HTV WEST: As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.15-6.30, Report West.

ATV
9.45 am, To See or Not. 10.00, Film: Melba, with Patrice Munsel. 11.50, Professor Balthazar. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Indoor League. 3.00, Thames. 5.15, Laverne and Shirley. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.25, Crossroads. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Cuckoo Waltz. 8.00, Thames. 11.25-12.25 am, Gibbsville.

Ulster
10.10 am, Tree Top Tales. 10.20, Sesame Street. 11.20, The Entertainers. 11.45, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Emma. 3.00, Thames. 5.15, Friends of Man. 5.45, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, The Flintstones. 6.30, Reports. 7.00, ATV. 7.30, Get Some In. 8.00, Thames. 11.25, Gardening. 11.55-12.05 am, Bedtime.

Grampian
9.55 am, First Thing. 10.00, Cartoon: Gulliver's Travels. 11.20, The Entertainers: Rokotto. 11.45, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Emma. 3.00, Thames. 5.15, Andy Irving. 5.45, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.05, Country Focus. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Emergency. 8.00, Thames. 11.55, Reflections.

Thames
9.30 am, Beany and Cecil. 9.40, Ticko. 10.05, To the Wild Country. 10.55, Boney. 11.45, Oscar. 12.00, Paperplay. 12.10 pm, Rainbow. 12.30, A Fair Chance. 1.00, News. 1.20, Help! 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, After Noon. 2.30, Today Mexico—Tomorrow the World. 3.00, Budget '78. 5.15, The Brady Bunch.
5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at 6.
6.35 *Crossroads.*
7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man.
8.00 Rising Damp.
8.30 Armchair Thriller: Quiet as a Nun, with Kate Binchy, Maria Aitken, David Burke.
9.00 *Wilde Alliance.*
10.00 News.
10.30 The Budget: The Chancellor of the Exchequer.
10.40 The Cerro Torre Enigma.
11.25 Man and Woman.
11.55 Andy Williams.
12.25 am, Epilogue.

Channel
1.18 pm, Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Electric Theatre Show. 3.00, Thames. 5.15, The Flintstones. 5.45, News. 6.00, Report at Six. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Treasure Hunt. 7.30, Charlie's Angels. 8.30, Thames. 10.32, Life in France. 10.40, Thames. 11.55, Oscar Peterson Presents. 12.20 am, Weather.

Granada
9.30 am, Voyage to the Coral Sea. 10.15, Harriet. 10.40, The Stationary Ark. 11.15, The Beatles. 11.25, *Mister Ed.** 11.50, A Handful of Songs. 12.00, Paperplay. 12.10 pm, Thames. 1.20, *This Is Your Right.* 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Les Bicyclettes de Belsize. 3.00, Thames. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, The Bionic Woman. 8.00, Thames. 11.55-12.30 am, Drive-In.
* black and white.

Border
9.35 am, Cine Club. 10.00, Film: The Prince Who Was a Thief, with Tony Curtis, Piper Laurie. 11.20, The Entertainers: Rokotto. 11.45, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Southern. 2.30, Stars on Ice. 3.00, Thames. 5.15, Out of Town. 5.45, News. 6.00, Lookaround. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Get Some In. 8.00, Thames. 11.25, Baretta. 12.20 am, Border News.

Yorkshire
9.30 am, Search for the Supernatural. 10.25, Captain Nemo. 10.30, Showcase. 11.00, Tulip Fiesta. 11.30, Electric Theatre Show. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Stars on Ice. 3.00, Thames. 5.15, Mary Tyler Moore. 5.45, News: 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Get Some In! 8.00, Thames. 11.25-11.55, Drive-In.

Radio

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5.00 am, News. Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Tony Blackburn. 4.32, Dave Lee Travis. 7.02, Folk 78. The McCalmans.† 7.30, On the Third Beat.† 8.02, Hubert Gregg. 9.02, Among Your Souvenirs.† 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Brian Matthew. 2.00-2.02, News.
† stereo.

2
5.00 am, News. 5.02, Ray Moore.† 7.32, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing bulletin). 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 3.02, John Dunn's Budget Special.† 6.30, Waggoners' Walk. 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, Three in a Row. 10.30, Arthur Askey. 11.04, Brian Matthew. 2.00 am, News.

3
6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Mozart, Haydn.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Lecocq, Satie, Shostakovich.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Mendelssohn.† 10.00, Atarah's Music Box.† 10.20, Piano Recital: Brahms and Ravel.† 10.55, Songs and String Quartets: Moeran, Oldham, Barber.† 12.00, Concert, part 1: Strauss, Mendelssohn.† 1.00, News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.20, Concert, part 2: Brahms.† 2.05, A Little Light Music.† 3.05, Haydn and Mozart String Quartets.† 3.55, Youth Orchestra: Walton, Rachmaninov.† 5.15, Jazz Today.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Industrial Democracy. 7.00, Teaching Music. 7.30, Cherubini. 8.00, Celebidache Conducts LSO, part 1: Verdi, Hindemith.† 8.40, A Year of Edmund and Fanny: Talk by Virginia Browne. 9.00, Concert, part 2: Prokofiev.† 9.45, The Ring and the Book. 10.30, A Hindemith Organ Concerto.† 10.50, Piano Recital: Haydn and Beethoven.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.†

4
6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.35, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Beauty and Skin Care. 10.00, News. 10.05, On Location. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.0 News. 11.05, Play: Housewives Choice. 11.35, Profile. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.20, Desert Island discs. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Budget Special. 6.00, News. 6.30, Just a minute. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, Time for verse. 7.30, Kaleidoscope. 8.00, Radio 3. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, Not Now, I'm Listening Again. 11.00, A Book at Bedtime: "The Great Railway Bazaar". 11.15, The Financial World Tonight. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 12.00, News. 12.20-12.23 am, Inshore forecast.

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BIRTHS

AARVOLD.—On April 9th, at Mount Alvernia Nursing Home, Guildford, to Libby and John—a son (both are well).

ALLEN.—On April 9, to Susan and David—a son (Paul James).

ASTOR.—On April 8, 1978, at the Lindo Wing, St. Mary's, Paddington, to Fiona and Johnnie—a daughter.

BANKES.—On April 8th, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Sheri (Heald) and Nicholas—a daughter.

BULMER.—On 9th April at the Winchester Hospital, to Rozanne (nee Barwick) and Alan—a daughter.

CARVALHO.—On April 9th (7.37 a.m.) at Leeds Maternity Hospital, to Molly Doris and Joao—a daughter (Monica), 3,650 kilos.

CROSS.—On April 9th, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, to Penelope (nee Butler) and Ben Cross — a lovely daughter (Lauren Catherine).

FORREST.—On April 3rd, to Bridget (nee Johnson) and Simon—a daughter (Rosy Catriona), a sister for Harriet.

BIRTHS

FRANK.—On Saturday, to Anne-marie and Ashley, in Edinburgh—a son (René Ashley Werner).

GRAHAM.—On April 3rd to Pamela and Andrew, twin boys.

MATCHAM.—On April 7th, at Kingston Hospital, Surrey, to Carol (nee Alexander) and Paul—a son (James Alexander).

MOFFAT.—Saturday, 8th April, to Simpson, Edinburgh, to Peta (nee Ollen) and George—a daughter (Basilie).

ORR-EWING.—On April 8th, at Princess Margaret's Hospital, Swindon, to Clare (nee Flood) and Malcolm—a daughter (a sister for Harriet).

POPE.—On April 7th, at the Queen Elizabeth Maternity, Kings Lynn, to Anne and John—a son.

RITTER.—On April 9th in Baltimore, United States, to Anne (nee Dornhorst) and Jim Ritter—a son (Nicholas).

SAYLE.—On April 7th, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, to Malvin (nee Fletcher) and Guy—a daughter (Emma Lucinda).

SHEPPARD.—On April 4th, to Josephine and Gurney — a daughter (Kate).

SLEEMAN.—On April 7th, 1978, to Gail (nee Blair) and John—a daughter (Helena Gail).

SLEZAK.—On April 9th, at the Welbeck Clinic, to Linda (nee Turner) and Rudi Slezak—a son (Alexander), a brother for Frédérique.

THOMAS.—On April 8th, 1978, to Claudia and Jeremy—a daughter (Jessica Emily).

TULL.—On April 9th, 1978 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Shirley (nee Merryweather) and Jonathan—a daughter (Katherine Jane).

WHITE.—On April 8th, at St. Thomas's Hospital, to Priscilla and Mark—a son.

WHITTAKER.—On April 8th, at The Welbeck Nursing Home, to Natalie, wife of Roger Whittaker—a son (Alexander Michael).

MARRIAGES

ELFFERS : RIVET.—On 4th April, in Vianen, Niels, son of de Heer and Mevr. A. Elffers, of Utrecht, to Anne, daughter of Professor and Mrs. A. L. T. Rivet, of Keele University.

NICHOLLS : VINTON.—On Saturday, April 8th, at Beaconsfield Registry Office, Peter Francis to Angela Margaret.

DEATHS

ALLEN, ALFRED JOHN.—On April 6th, at Teddington after a year's illness, husband of Celia, father of Varyen, Guy and Crispin. Missed by his friends.

BOWER.—On April 8th, after a long illness, Nellie, beloved mother of Michael and widow of Reginald Bower. Funeral service at St. Paul's Church, Woldingham, Surrey, on Thursday, April 13th, at 3.45 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only to Ebbutt Funeral Service, Limpsfield, Oxted.

BOWER.—On Sunday, 9th April, peacefully at Little Priory, Pescard, Elizabeth Daphne, widow of Lt.-Col. N. I. Bower, O.B.E., and dearly loved mother of Timothy and Richard. Cremation at Reading crematorium, Caversham, on Wednesday, 12th April, at 11.30. No flowers. Donations to the Spastic Society, Agricultural Work College, Gillingham, Dorset.

BUTTERY.—On April 9th, Betty, last surviving child of Arrest and sister of Horace. Funeral followed by cremation at Coffinswell, South Devon, at 2 p.m. Thursday, 13th April. Memorial service at St. Edmund's Church, Northwood Hill, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 13th April. Cut flowers welcomed at the church.

DEAN.—On 7th April, peacefully, in Leicester, Fred, who will be sadly missed by wife, Joan, all the family, business colleagues and friends. Funeral service on Friday, 14th April, 1.00 p.m., at South Bristol Crematorium. No flowers, but donations to B.H.F., London.

DEAN.—On 7th April, suddenly at home, Maurice Joseph Dean, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., husband of Anne and father of Sarah and John. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Wimbledon, 12 noon on Thursday, 13th April, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Salvation Army or R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

DOLPHIN.—On April 7th, Helen Douglas, widow of Lieutenant Commander E. H. Dolphin, D.S.O., R.N., service at St. John's Church, Clunt, at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 12th April, followed by private cremation. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to British Talking Book Service for The Blind, Wembley HA0 1RR.

EVANS.—On April 8th, peacefully, in hospital, Col. Charles Bertie Evans, late R.I.A.S.C., dearly beloved husband of the late Kathleen Evans. Father of Molly, John and Charles. Family flowers only or donations if wished to the National Association for Mental Health, 22 Harley St., W1N 2ED. Funeral enquiries to Gould and Chapman Ltd., Grayshott, Hindhead, 4436.

HENDERSON.—On 24th March, at Ashford Hospital, Mabel Gertrude Henderson, aged 81. Funeral service held at Woking Crematorium on Friday, March 31st.

HOARE, John Edward, F.C.A., A.C.I.I. Member of the Court of Common Council, City of London, Chairman Bishopsgate Institute, Livery Man of the Coopers Company, beloved husband of Juliet and dear father of Jonathan, suddenly, at home, 8th April, 1978. Service at St. Thomas's Church, Oakwood, Enfield, Thursday, 13th April, 1978, at 1.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers by request. Donations to British Heart Foundation, Dept. 57, Gloucester Place, London, W.1, if desired.

JOHNSON.—On 9th April, 1978, Dr. Christopher Hollis Johnson, C.B.E., Ph.D., D.Sc., aged 74 years, peacefully at Bristol Royal Infirmary, of Foxwold, Sitford Cross, Bideford, beloved husband of Vera, and loving father of Anne, Alber, Mary, John and Lilian. Funeral service to be held Saturday, 15th April, at 11.00 a.m. at The Baptist Church, Mill Street, Bideford, 12.00 noon, at North Devon Crematorium, Barnstaple. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent for The Cardiac Surgery Ward Fund B.R.I., c/o Mr. S. E. Whitfield, 10 Adrian Close, Orchard Hill, Bideford, Devon.

DEATHS

KENNEDY.—On April 8th, 1978, peacefully in his home, The Red House, Stanley Avenue, Beckingham, Kent, Stanley (Mick), dearly loved husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather. Service at 3.20 p.m. on Thursday, April 13th, at Beckingham Crematorium. Family flowers only.

LASKER.—On March 29th, 1978, peacefully, Vally, teacher of music, aged 95. Funeral service at St. Peter's Church, Kensington Park Road, on April 18th at 10.45 a.m.

MACK.—On 8th April, Lovel Durant, of Massey's Lodge, Oakmere, Cheshire. Funeral at 12 noon, Tuesday, 11th April, at St. Peter's Church, Delamere.

MACONACHIE.—On April 7th, 1978, in Basingstoke District Hospital, after a short illness, Joan, aged 86 years, widow of Sir Richard Maconachie, much-loved mother of Martin, and grandmother of Simon and Amanda. Cremation at Aldershot Crematorium on Friday, April 14th at 3.00 p.m. Cut flowers only please, to E. Finch & Sons Ltd., 125 High Street, Aldershot.

MAXWELL.—On April 8th, John Hugh Maxwell M.C., T.D., husband of Mary, funeral private.

MYERS, OLGA VASILIEVNA (nee Skvortzov), beloved mother of Lula, Alice and William, and dear wife of the late William Robertson Myers, Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs, peacefully, on April 8, at her home in Hong Kong. Funeral service will be held at St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, 13th April, 1978.

PATTON.—April 9th, 1978. Peacefully in Hospital, Elsie Rankin, 27 Donaghadee Road, Bangor, Co. Down. Formerly of Ward Ave., Bangor. Deeply regretted.

PLUMMER.—On Monday, 10th April, 1978, Alfred Plummer, B.Lit., M.Sc. (E. Con.), LL.D., D.A. (Honours), aged 81 years. Honorary Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Weavers. Honorary Librarian of the Worshipful Company of Weavers. Dear husband of Evelyn, father of Philip, grandfather of David and Andrew and father-in-law of Jennifer. Funeral service at St. Edmunds Church, Southwold, 2.30 p.m., Friday, 14th April, 1978, followed by interment at Southwold Cemetery, Reydon. Flowers to: Walter G. Fisher, Funeral Directors, Southwold.

POLLARD.—On April 7th, after a long illness courageously borne, Ann Pollard, beloved wife of Dr. Pollard, mother of John, sister of Philip Stanbury, Jack Steinburg and Diana Steinberg. Deeply mourned by her family and friends. 64 Geary Road, London, N.W.10.

POWER.—On April 8th, 1978, peacefully, at home, 37 Grosvenor Square, London, W.1. Irene Cordelia, beloved wife of E. J. Power and very dear mother and grandmother. Private cremation. Family flowers, only, please, but donations, if so desired, to Muscular Dystrophy Group, c/o William Tookey and Son, Funeral Directors, 31 Marylebone High St., London, W.1. 01-935 8714.

PRINCE.—On April 8th, suddenly, Kathleen Olive, aged 80 of 6 Denmark Road, Exeter, formerly wife of the late H. A. Prince (of Lloyds bank), loving mother of Pat and John. Funeral service Friday, April 14th. St Matthew's church 3.30 p.m. followed by cremation at Exeter. Cut, family flowers only.

SMITH.—On April 9th, 1978, peacefully at his home, at Melbury Bubb, near Dorchester, Dorset, Alexander Ronald (Alec), aged 60 years. Funeral service, Friday, April 14th, 2.30 p.m., at Melbury Bubb Parish Church, followed by interment at Melbury Bubb. All flowers to: G. H. Cook & Son, Funeral Directors, 8-11 Bond St., Yeovil, Somerset. Tel: Yeovil 23463.

SMITH.—On 6th April 1978, peacefully, at home, after a long illness, Arthur Douglas, of Hesworth Grange, Fittleworth. Funeral 3 p.m., Thursday, 13th April, St. Mary's Church, Fittleworth. All flowers and enquiries please, to F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Rd., Littlehampton, Sussex. Tel.: Littlehampton 3939.

SPONG.—On Sunday, March 26th, 1978, at her home, Mildred Allen (nee Lattis), loved wife of the late Noel, stepmother of Connie, Marjorie and Hazel, cousin of Irene Josling. Burial has taken place.

SQUIRE.—Peacefully on April 8th at the Nuffield Nursing Home, Wexham, Bucks., Linda Mary, dearly loved wife of Eric, devoted mother of Mary and Gillian and very beloved grandmother. Funeral service St. Giles Church, Stoke Poges, Friday, the 14th April, at 10.45. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to Chest and Heart Foundation, Tavistock House, North Tavistock Square, W.C.1.

TAYLOR.—On March 19th, Eva Dorothy (nee Beck) and on April 8th, her husband, John Munro Taylor, of Raeburn Close, Cheriton, formerly of I.C.I., in India and Ceylon. Cremation private. Donations for Cheriton Parish Church may be sent c/o The Rectory, Cheriton, Alresford, Hants.

THOMPSON.—On 9th April, 1978, suddenly at his home, The Old Dairy House Rhode Lane, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, Dorset, Col. Tommy (Paul) Gower Thompson, M.C., T.D., Royal Green Jackets. Darling husband of Fenella, and father of Simon and William. Funeral service Uplyme Parish Church on Thursday, 13th April, at 11.30 a.m. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired to Army Benevolent Fund.

WAKE.—On April 10th, in Crawley Hospital, Elizabeth, aged 70, dearly loved sister of Catherine Rowe.

WHITLEY.—Suddenly at St. John's Hospital, Chelmsford, on 7th April, Mary Whitley, born Mackay, beloved wife of Dr. J. Theo Whitley, O.B.E., much loved mother of John, Philip, Stephen, and Elspeth. Service at Chelmsford Crematorium, at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday, 13th April. Flowers to Chelmsford Star Co-operative, Broomfield Road.

WILSON, PHILIP RONALD.—Peacefully on April 7th at Bognor, beloved husband of Kathleen and father of Margaret, Heather, Barry and Roger.

DEATHS

YOUNG.—On 8th April 1978, after a brief illness, Ruth Kirsland, beloved mother of Gillian, Carol, Roddy and Katrina. Funeral service Wed., 12th April at 11.45, All Souls, Loudoun Rd., N.W.6. Followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium at 12.45. Flowers may be sent to Laverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, N.W.3, by 10.00 a.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COLYER.—A Memorial Service for Air Marshal Douglas Colyer will be held on April 21st at St. Clement Danes, at 12 noon.

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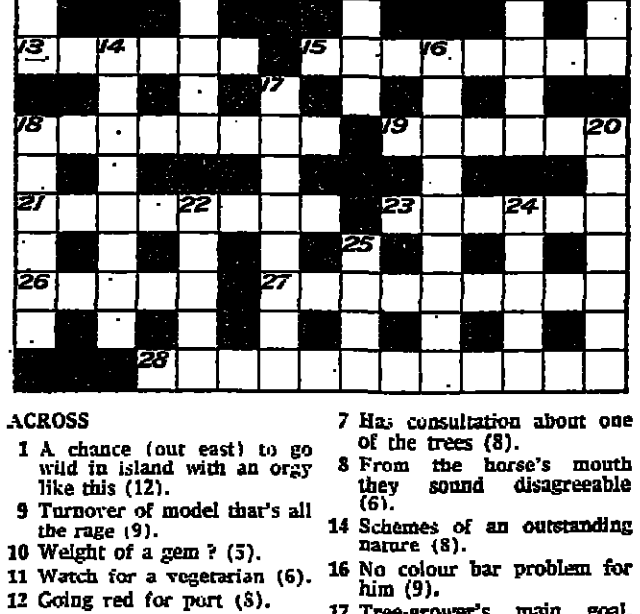

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1 A chance (out east) to go wild in island with an orgy like this (12).
9 Turnover of model that's all the rage (9).
10 Weight of a gem? (5).
11 Watch for a vegetarian (6).
12 Going red for port (8).
13 Suitable pet for a sedentary person (6).
15 Tossing her curls, going to the dogs (8).
18 Less traffic restriction here in New York? (8).
19 What price liberty? (6).
21 Growing bent this way (8).
23 If things crop up he's assured of his cut (6).
26 Film actor is outside, in combinations (5).
27 They often see more than the gamesters, said Bacon (7-2).
28 Their proceedings are high-handed (5-7).

DOWN

1 Old port fashionable (7).
2 Many remaining in hiding under this (5).
3 Boldness of Nelson's captain spoken of by another admiral (9).
4 He has a right to turn up (4).
5 Floor covering manufactured in East Mullion (8).
6 The masses disown them as unintelligent (5).
7 Has consultation about one of the trees (8).
8 From the horse's mouth they sound disagreeable (6).
14 Schemes of an outstanding nature (8).
16 No colour bar problem for him (9).
17 Tree-grower's main goal, possibly (8).
18 Hardware not purchasable at this shop (6).
20 A "sub" wouldn't help to keep their heads above water (7).
22 Extract from a Church anthology (5).
24 Some point in the attitude of the constables (5).
25 Drama of Rising Sun includes a Drama of Falling Rain for him (4).

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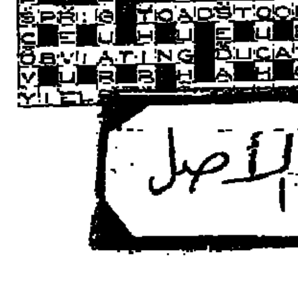

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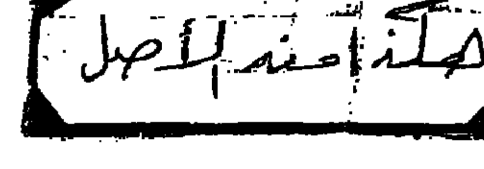
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